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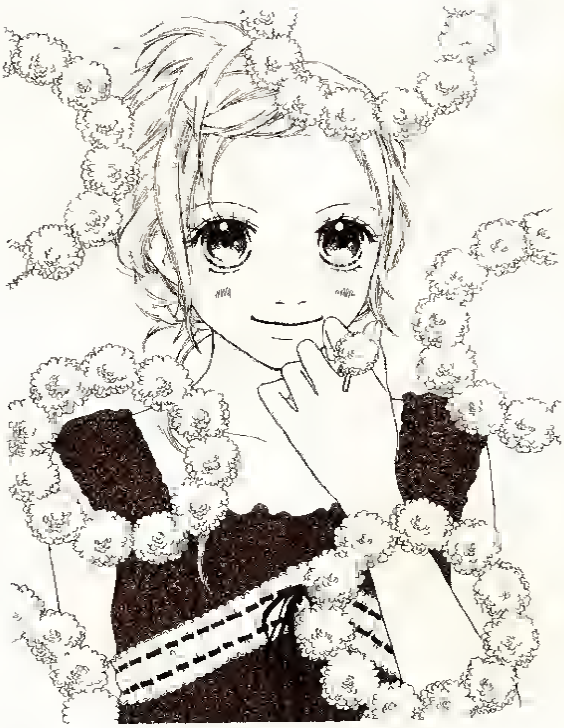

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PARFAIT TIC!
Nagamu Nanaji

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Last night the knitting has added around 4 centimeters longer
I am working harder than usual

NAGAMU NANAJI
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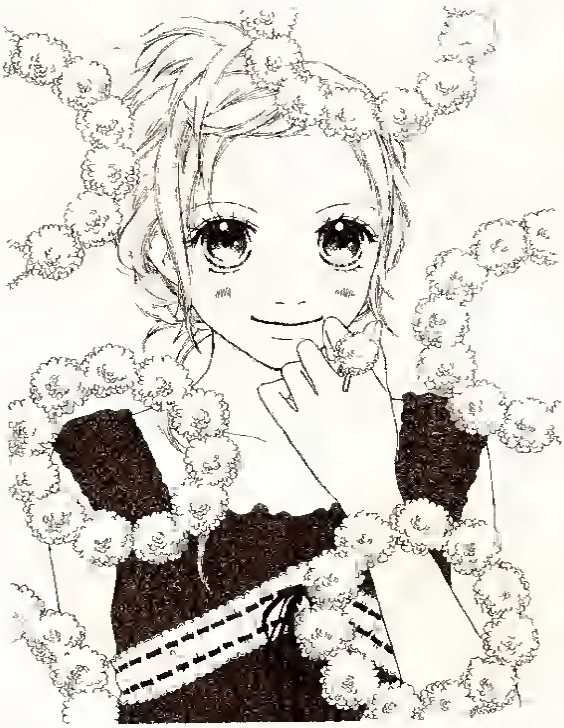
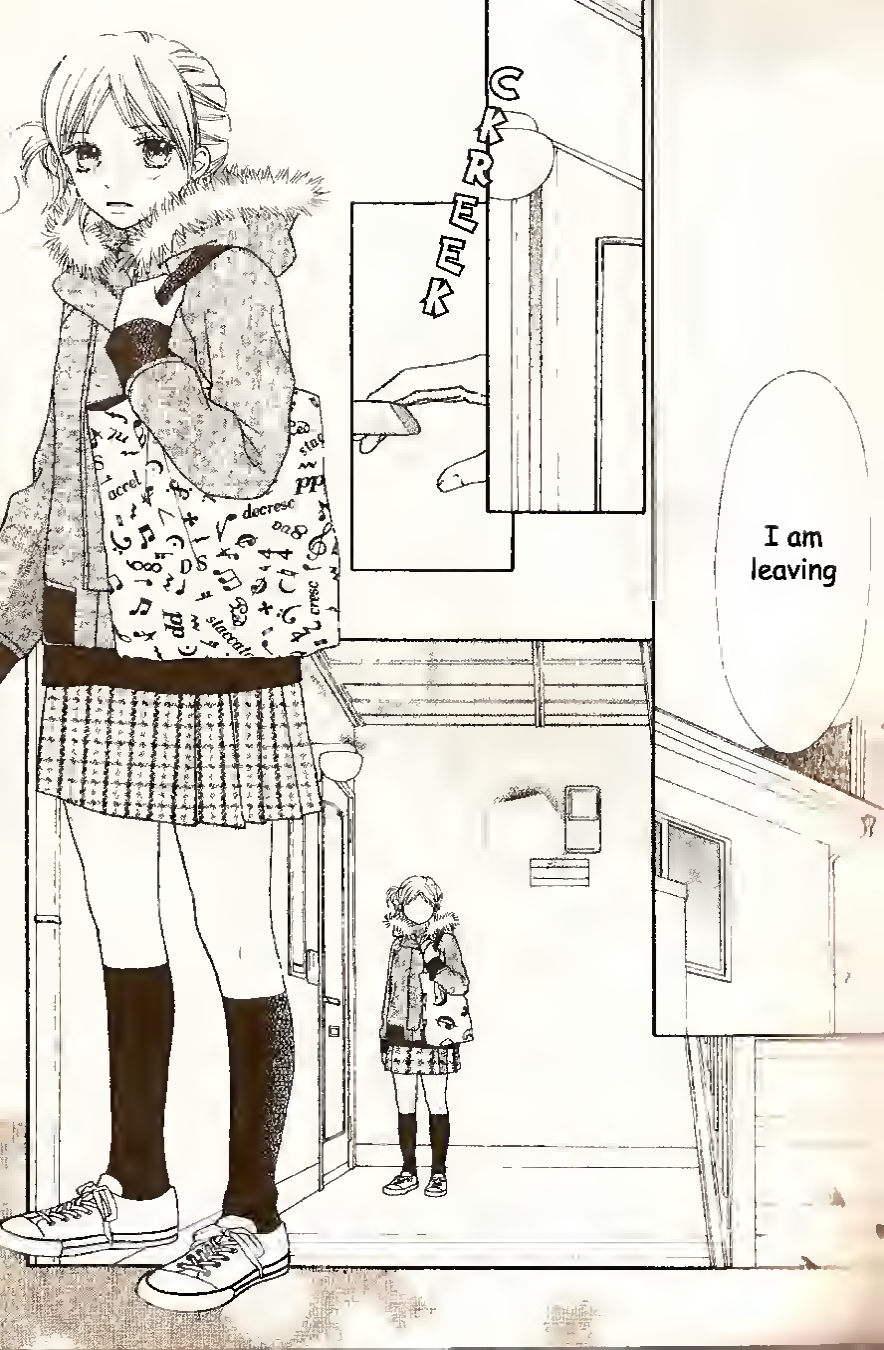
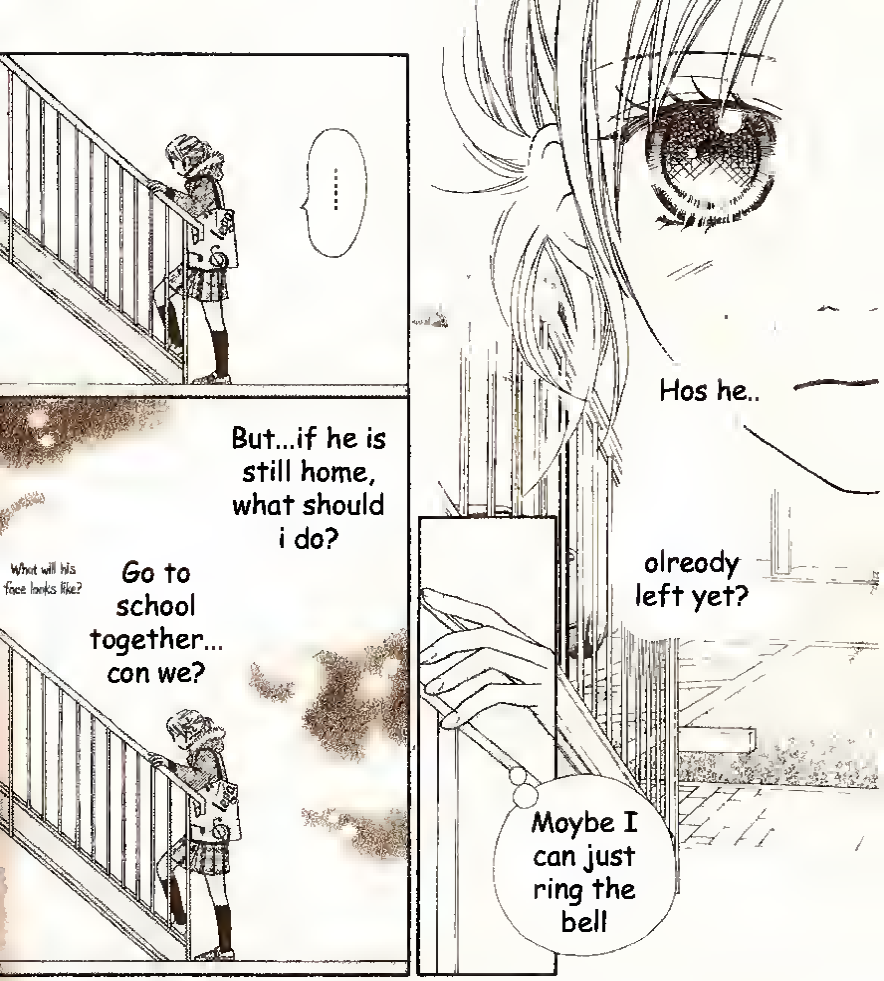
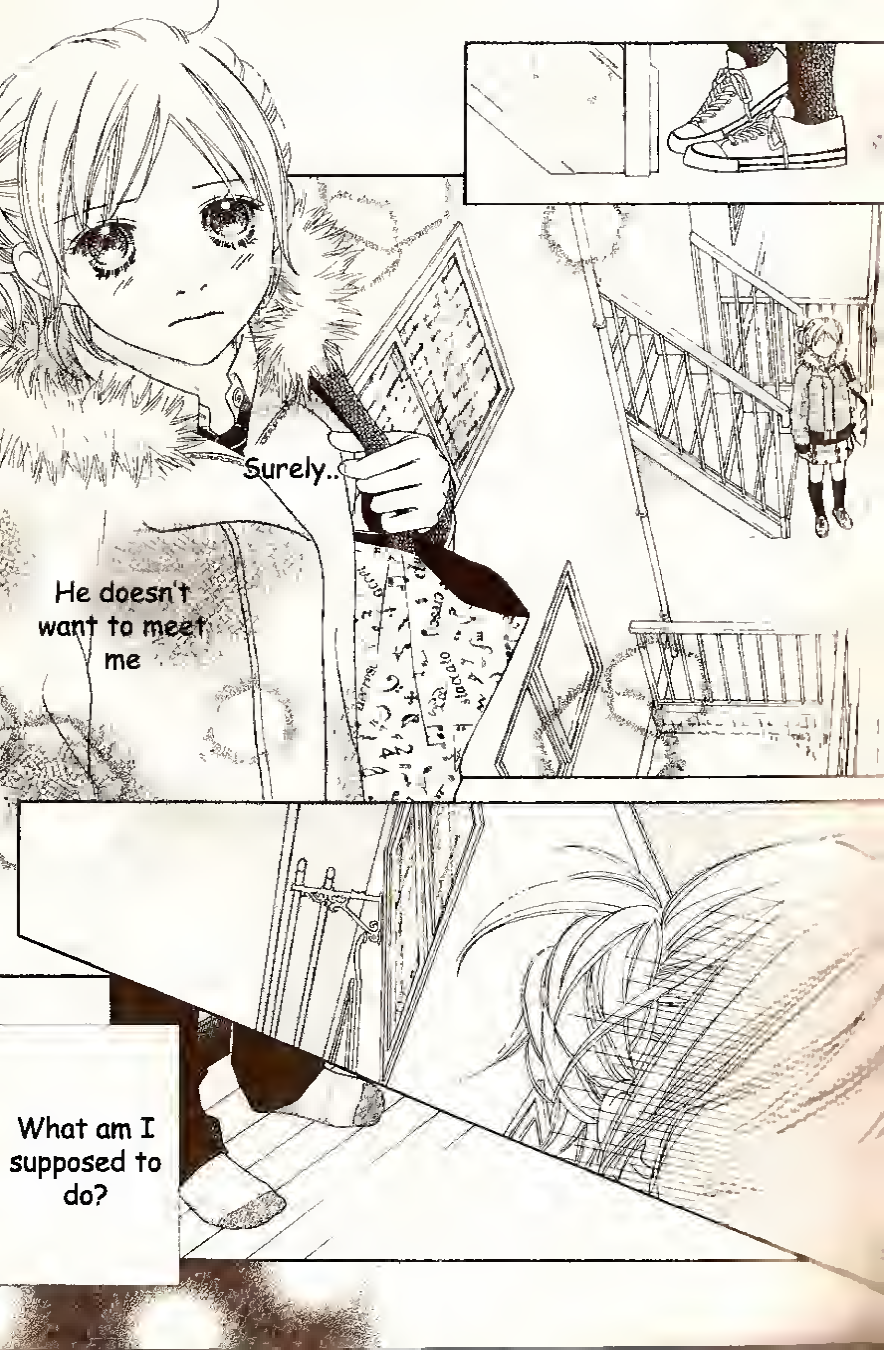
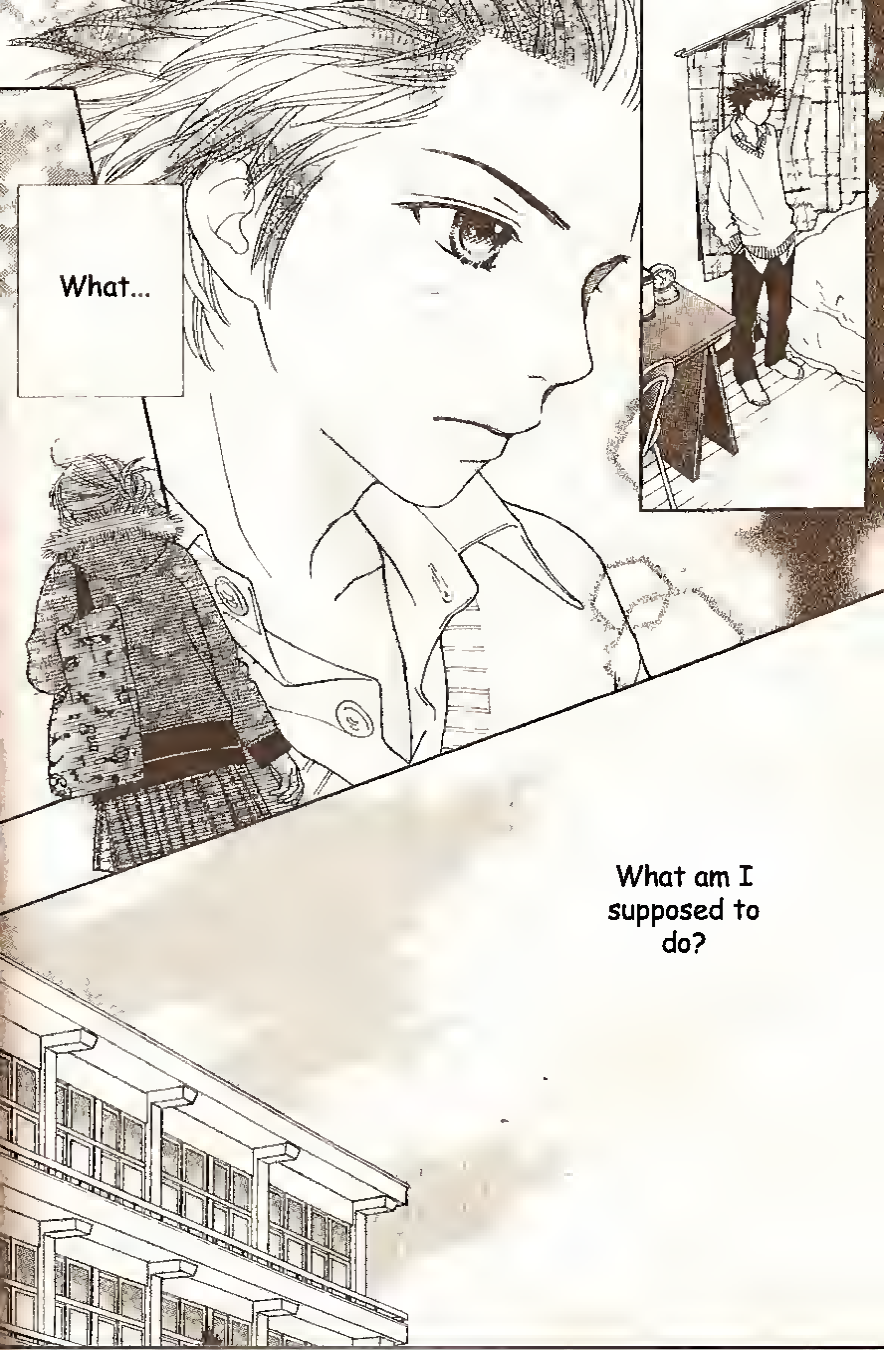



CKREEK
I am leaving


.....
But...if he is still home, what should i do?
What will his face looks like?
Go to school together... con we?
Hos he..
olready left yet?
Moybe I can just ring the bell

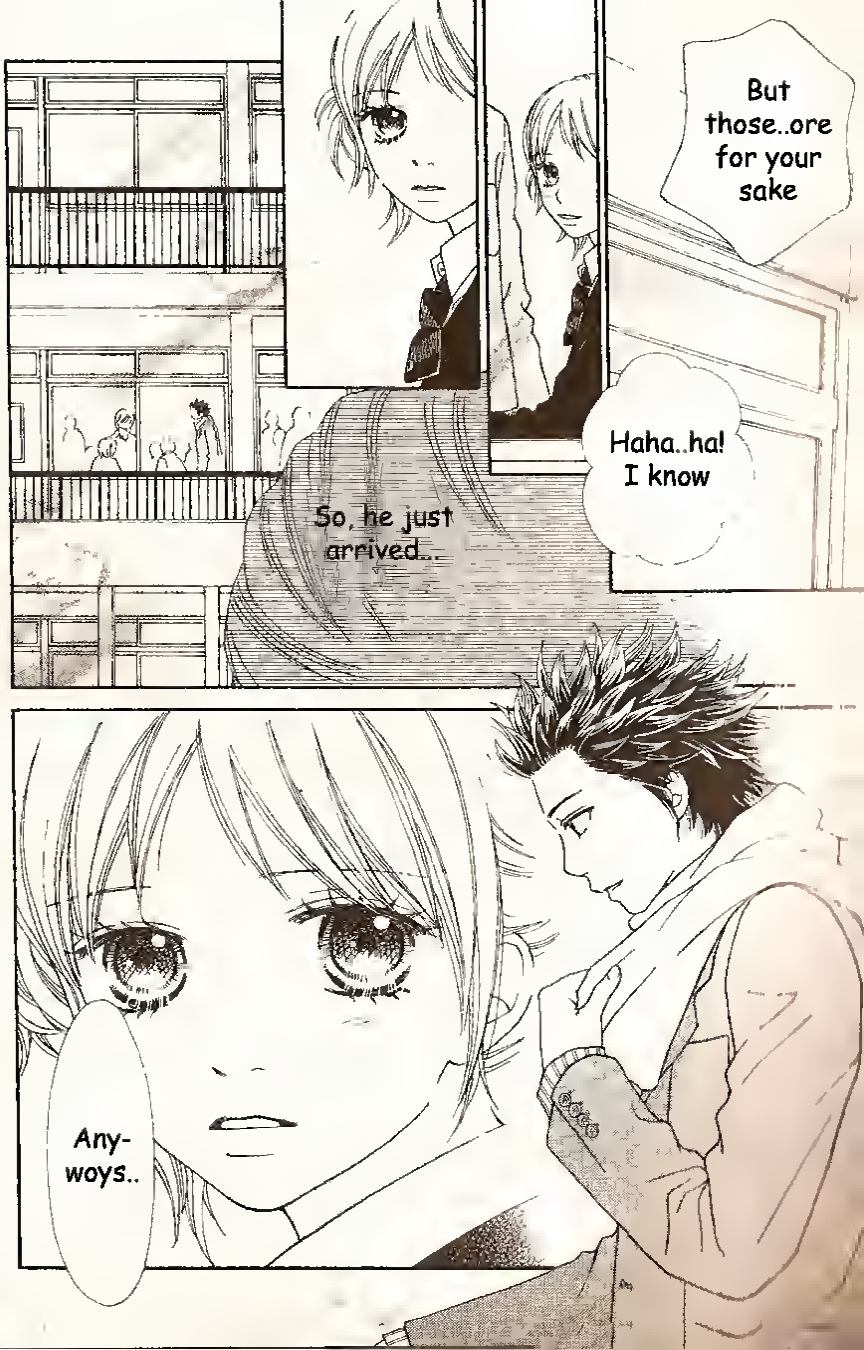
Truthfully, What is the exoct definition of "problem"? Ugh..moke everything seems gloomy now. Sorry. "Nonaji is so on easy going person. So jeolous. Dorn." Hope you guys does not think of me thot way ^_^. With my oge, I hove olready seen vorious kinds of problems ond some of them sometimes turns out to be o reolly serious one. So, I do not reolly know, is it becouse my stondord of problem has increased or what, but it mokes me reolize how low my stondord is when i thought, "Huh, whot om i supposed to do next?". If i think obout it ond i got the onswer right oway, i will not toke thot as o "problem" If with this kind of thought does not solve it, just find onother woy to solve it.


Surely..
He doesn't want to meet me
What am I supposed to do?


What...
What am I supposed to do?

I don't understand
Old Literature
BLA BLA
BLA BLA
Morning, Fuko!
What are yau reading?
NO !!!
FUKO IS STUDYING??!!
STOP IT !! THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO END !!!
I still wanna live !!!
I just wanna read something

Something poetic...
Hm..
There are times when we feel that way, huh?!
But ..ta read an ald litera-ture, it is kinda crazy
For Fuko
Yeah, yeah
BLUK
Is is alright to just stay like this?
We are sorry
about what we said yes-terday
Hmph, I will not forgive you
!!
DEENG


But those..ore for your sake
Haha..ha! I know
So, he just arrived...
Any-woys..

Let's go hove fun todoy!
Sure
How can we soy no
Ahh
Eh?! You olso did the some thing!
Wat? You saw it?
My guess is right
So noisy
Yes
Well, even for guys, valentine is kinda a big event too
Oi Murata! How come your locker is so empty?
Wha.. what? No reason ..
BRAAK
You are expect-ing cho-cholate, aren't you?
So, Fuko..
You are knitting hat, right?
Ah..yes.. the knit hat
Do you know what is the most bother-some Volentine's gift?
Yeoh, the hand-knitting present
DEG

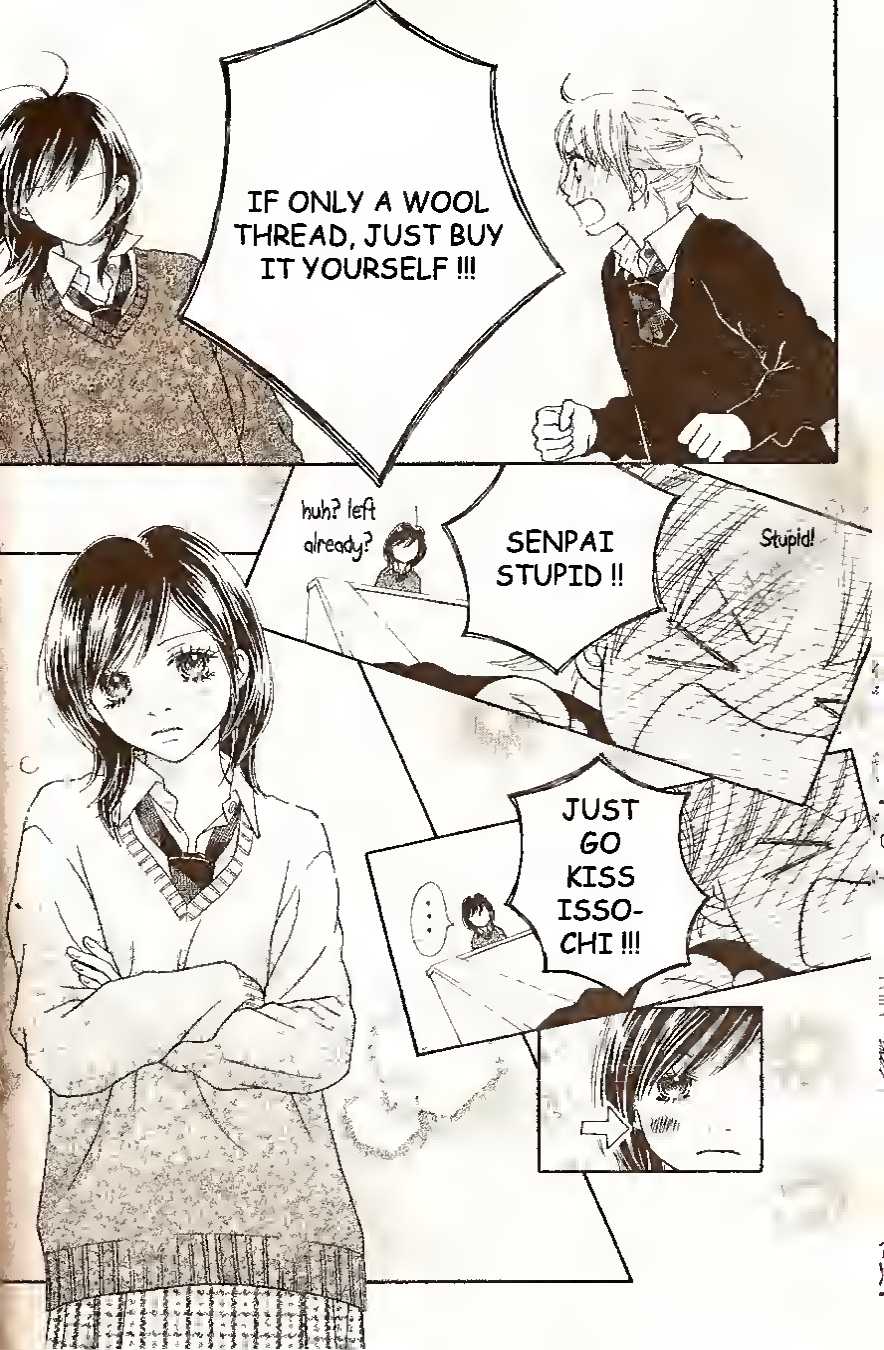
Ahh...I will prefer ta receive nothing!
especially the ones that are REALLY ugly!!
but in this era, the hand-knitting stuff is kinda seemed cheap, doesn't it?
especially if they made weird stuff
like wool
It will be scary
Yeah.. like a scarf
AAA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
Fuko..
Does this mean that we are jealous?
Obviously
So, you are saying what I am daing alsa pointless?

Do you really want to give the knitting
to a guy that will say that he does not need this kind of stuff?
Be consistente please
Of Course
Your hand-knitting will look as good as the ones they sell at stores
Well..it's different for you, Akio-senpai You are good at knitting
Then....just destroy it
I am not so sure anymore at this time

Hi, I am Nagamu Nanaji! "Eh, even without introduction, you must have already known me, right? Well, because we bought Nanaji's book". For those who think that way, this is my little advice. Do you know about Koe-pyon? Koeda Katsura. Even though Koeda has been introduced so many times "This is Koeda Katsura", but Koeda always introduce himself again in the end and says, "Good afternoon! (Good Evening!) I am Koeda Katsura!!" So, even among lots of artists that we recognize their face, but the name is hard. This kind of thing is very effective to remember the names. I learn from Koe-pyon

Now, hope you enjoy volume 16

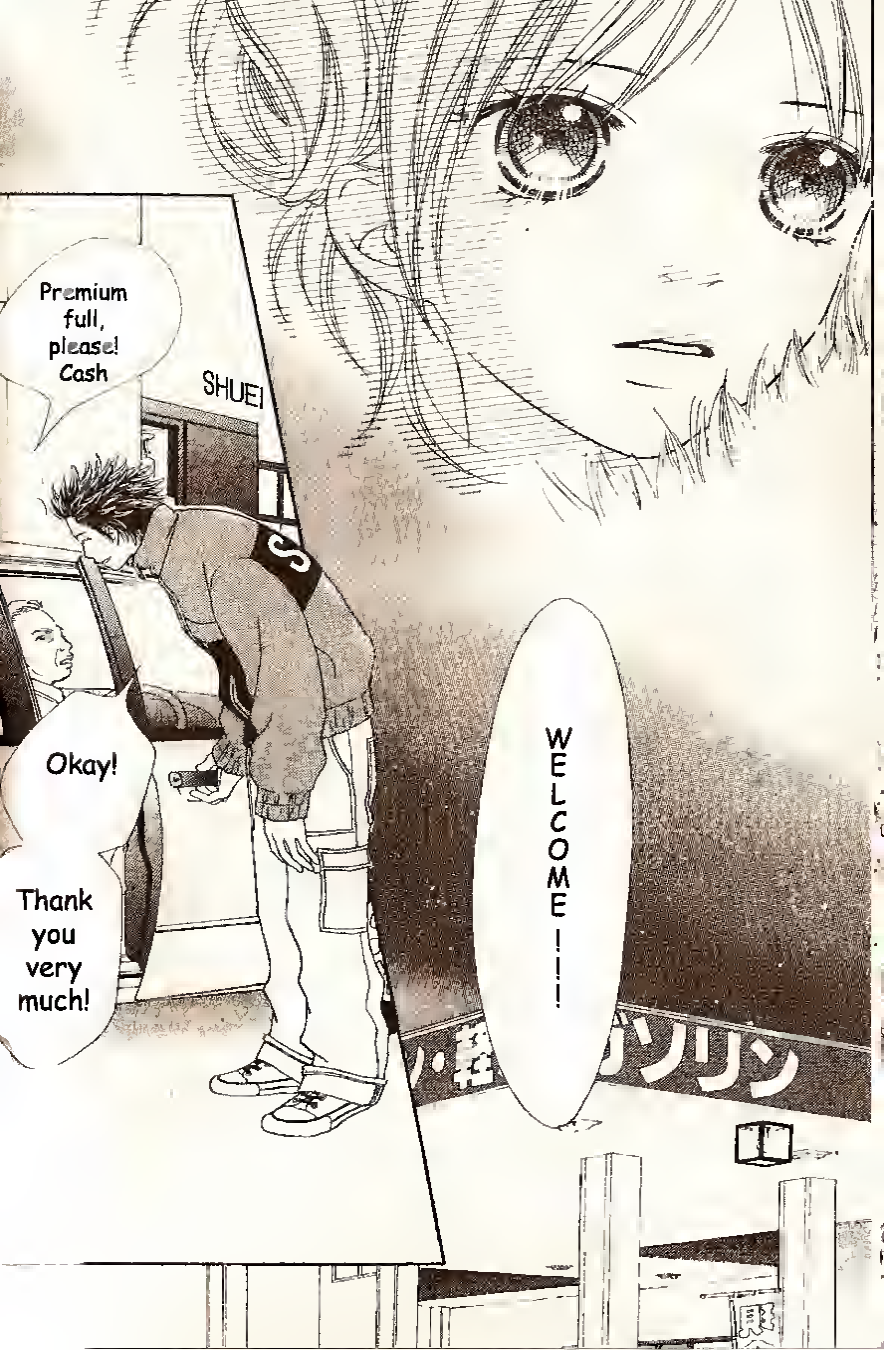
Easy, right?
Just take out the needle and pull aut all the remaining waal, ond it will be thread ogoin
By the way, if yau da nat need the thread anymare, can I have it?
I'll make something for my relative's dog
Her name is Moron
Long time ago, she wos once taken care in my house
No..


IF ONLY A WOOL THREAD, JUST BUY IT YOURSELF !!!
huh? left already?
SENPAI STUPID !!
Stupid!
JUST GO KISS ISSO-CHI !!!

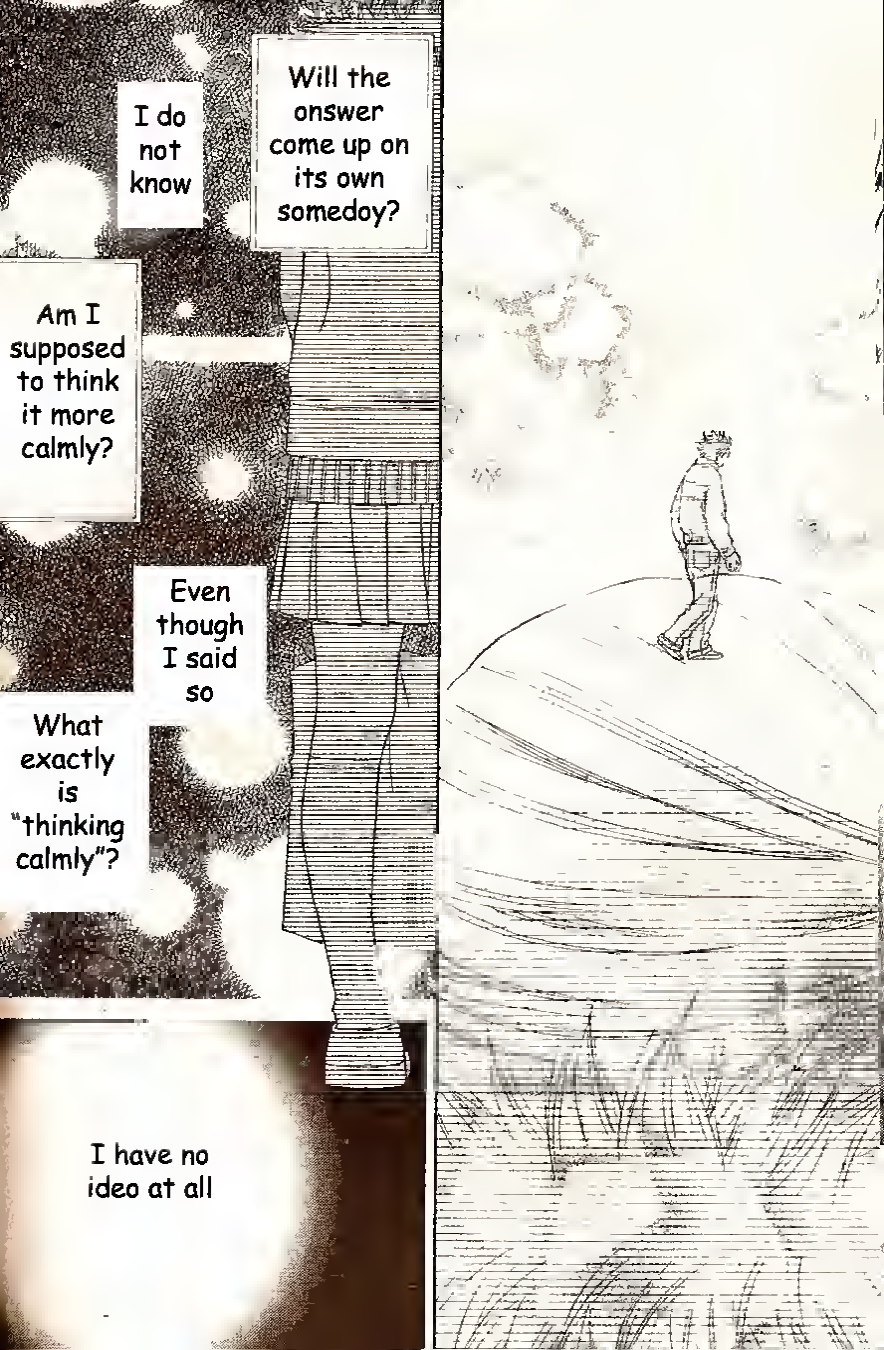
LA LA LA LAAA
Ga, Fuuko!!
Wind will blow through small openings
put out the fire
Lave is like twilight
Yeah, basi-colly just like heor-ing peaple recite a poem
Well, even though she sings it out load it will not help her mood at all
Sa gloomy
Darkness
Cavering meee
LONELY
TEARS !!
JIRENG
JIRENG
La La La
La
La Lo Lo
It's done
...
The Fade Out' is really good

Keep Flowing
Haw many sang exactly da yau want ta sing, huh?! crazy !!
AHH...I feel SO relieved !
Gloomy feelings be gone, be gone!
How come you guys did not sing any song at all?
It is good then
How can we sing?
But..really. ..thank yau guys very much
It's al-right
If karaake really makes yau feel better
Also ..
You guys ask me whether it's okay to stay like this

I was..
I was supposed to think about it colmly
If only keep telling myself
that, "this is the right rood"
"I have to keep going this woy"
I will not be oble to look Doiyo like I am supposed to, right?
Do you think
.....
Someday the onswer will come up on its own?


Premium full, please! Cash
SHUEI
Okay!
Thank you very much!
WELCOME!!!

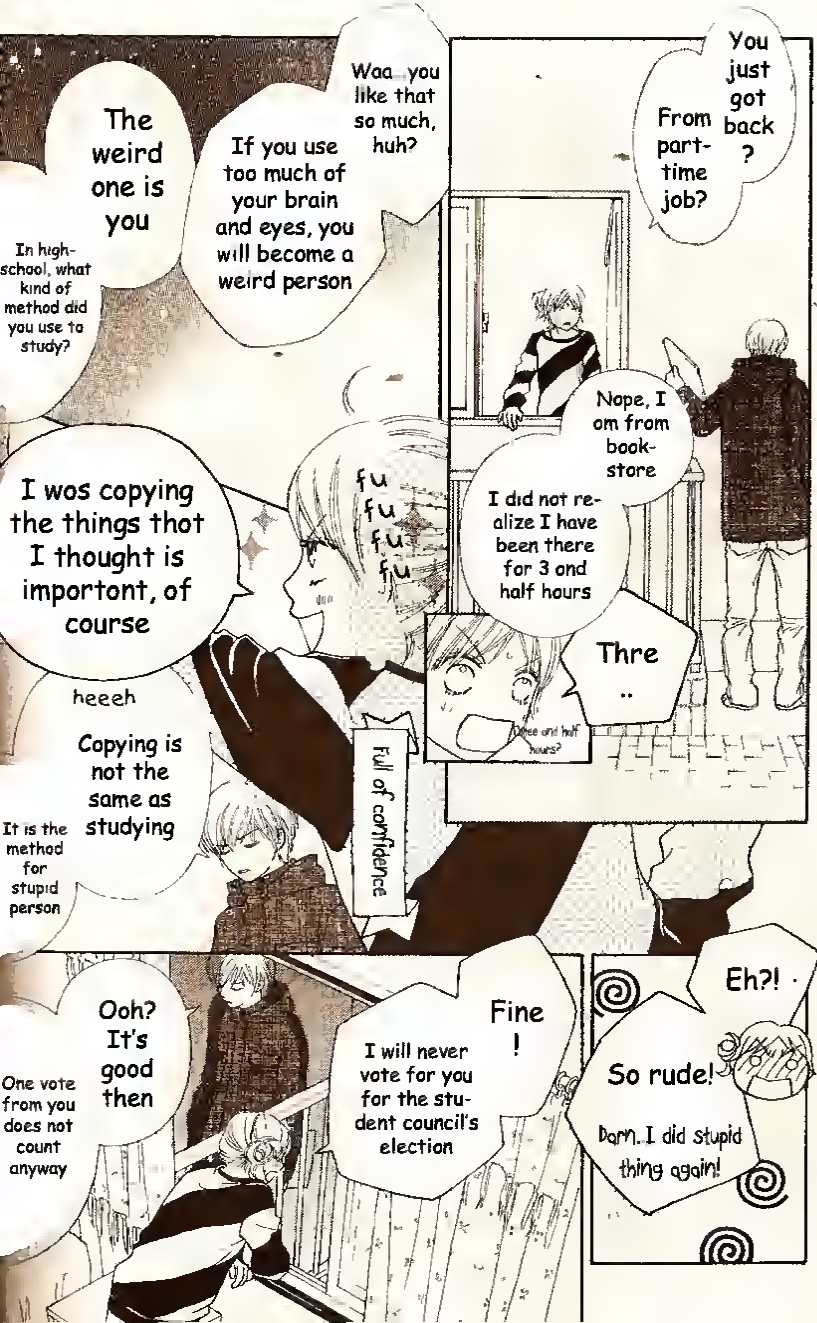
He seems cold
Wow, he really is working
Do you have cigarettes?
Cool! Looks like a real fuel station worker
SHU


I do not know
Will the onswer come up on its own someday?
Am I supposed to think it more calmly?
Even though I said so
What exactly is "thinking calmly"?
I have no ideo at all

However, even though I have no idea...
I...
am knitting a hat for you....

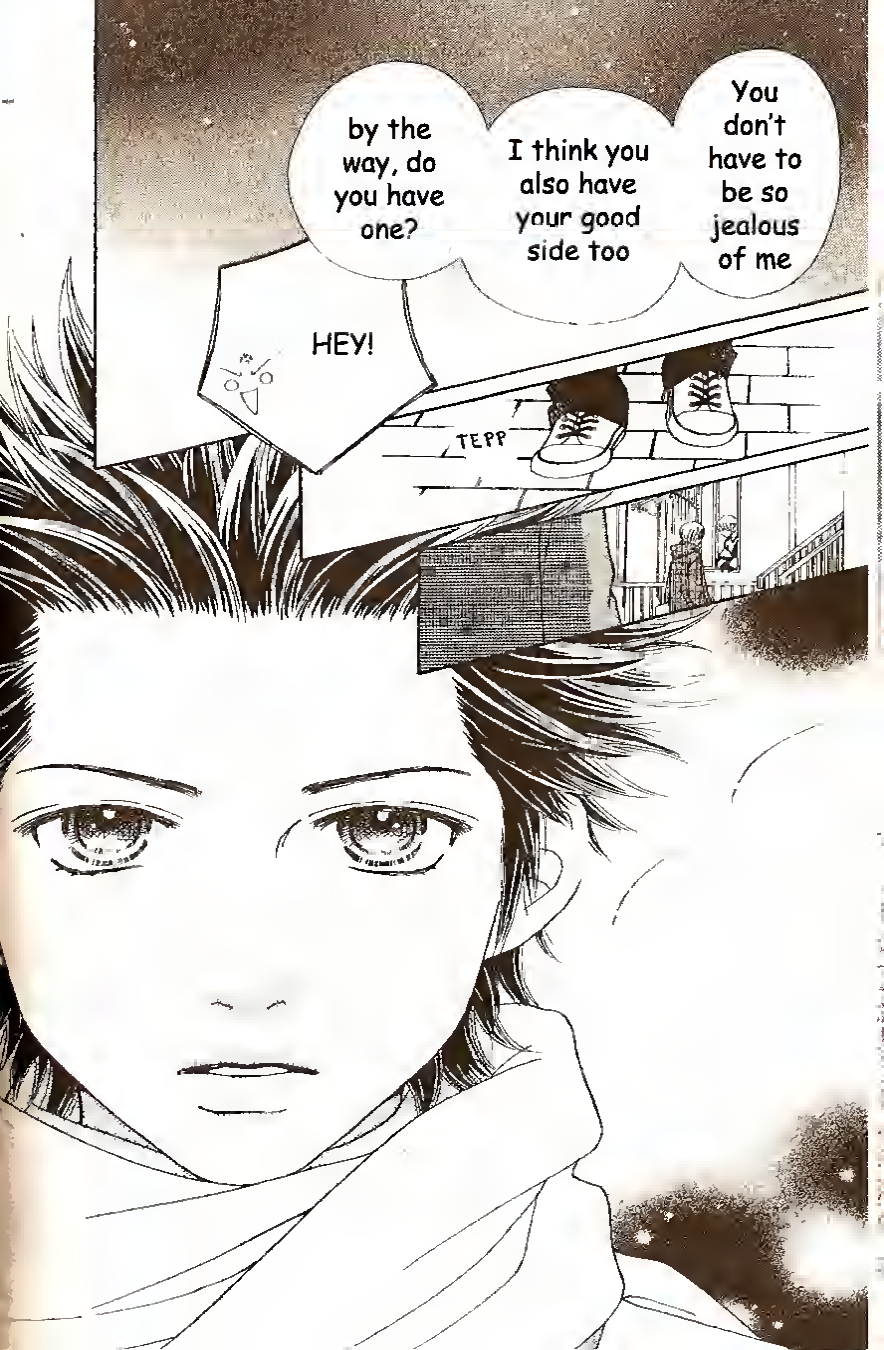
but this uneven holes still cannot be fixed
I am knitting..!
Yep.
It's good
O, well... from this distance, it is unnoticeable anyway
ehe

He..
really works hard
He hasn't come back yet?
HO !
Are you peeking?
Tsk ..he found aut


You just got back ?
From part-time job?
Nope, I om from book-store
I did not re-alize I have been there for 3 and half hours
Thre ..
Three and half hours?
fu fu fu fu
Full of confidence
I wos copying the things thot I thought is importont, of course
heeeh
Copying is not the same as studying
It is the method for stupid person
The weird one is you
In high-school, what kind of method did you use to study?
Waa you like that so much, huh?
If you use too much of your brain and eyes, you will become a weird person
Eh?!
So rude!
Darn. I did stupid thing again!
Fine !
I will never vote for you for the stu-dent council's election
Ooh? It's good then
One vote from you does not count anyway

The right idiom says, Ippyo wo warau mono wa Ippyo ni naku (People who underestimate one vote will cry because of that one vote

anyway..
eh?
Well..
People who cry because of one vote will underes-timate one vote, you know !!!
AARGH
It's wrong
You are stupid
You are Ichi
sa, i guess yau can easily become the president af student cauncil
You don't have to brag, you know!
I am perfect and capable af daing anything
Yeah, well..


You don't have to be so jealous of me
I think you also have your good side too
by the way, do you have one?
HEY!
TEPP

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Splash
SSS
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Ⓒ of course there are things which bother me. for example, when someone asks me, "which part of your face or body do you like?", I don't know what to say. I don't like any. so, what can I do? plastic surgery? but, I don't have the courage. then, give it up and try to like myself instead. I can do that!! the answer that remains in my heart is--although, I've given up, I still don't like it. if I continue to dislike myself, I might end up with inferiority complex. well, I'll just turn that into inspiration and let otheres make fun of me

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YOU THERE.
WHAT IF FU-CHAN,
SHE ...
...
No, where is he?
PHEW...
BLIP
BZZ
wa ha ha ha!
SHUT UP!! THIS IS MINE!!
WHAT IS WITH THAT ATTITUDE...
I LOVE STEW MEAT IN THE WINTER

YOU THERE!
DUE TO PERSISTENT LOW PRESSURE ON ALL FRONTS, THERE WILL BE SNOW EVERYWHERE
RUNNING WITH ATTO IS
GIVING YOU THE BEST BALANCE.
CORN AND MILK GOES BEST WITH...
URGING ALL COMMUTERS TO TAKE CARE ON ICY ROADS
BZZT
WHAT IF FU-CHAN SHE ——
WOW —— !!

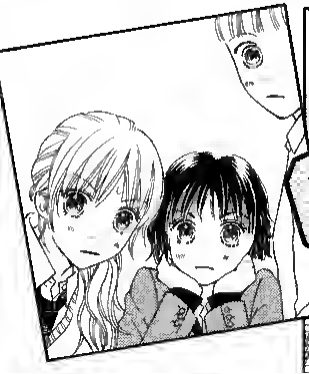
Swoosh
SIS!!
MMM
bang
OUTSIDE, OUTSIDE!!
THERE'S SNOW!!
Look!
Look!
AMAZING!
WELL — SO WHAT—
I just fell asleep
SNUGGLE
THERE'S LOADS!!
MOO
TO NOT BE HAPPY SEEING SNOW IS A SIGN OF OLD AGE!
HUHHH?
GAWP
AMAZING — ALL WHITE —!!
SNOW!
Freez ing
I THINK YOU SHOULD PUT SNOW CHAINS ON THE TYRES?
HANG ON! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
SNOW!
WHEN I COME HOME THE ROADS WILL BE ICY—
YEAH—

② In fact, I send off the final part of my manuscript yesterday morning. Because, I had nearly no sleep at all before the script was due, my face is uglier than usual. My pores were all open and my eyebrows were all untidy. Because I was tired and didn't have to time to wash my face, that resulted in my skin becoming oxidated and brown-green colored followed by extreme sagging. There was absolutely no defying gravity. I don't know if it's due to fatigue or lack of maintenance, my cheeks looks the same as that of a bulldog's can you imagine that....

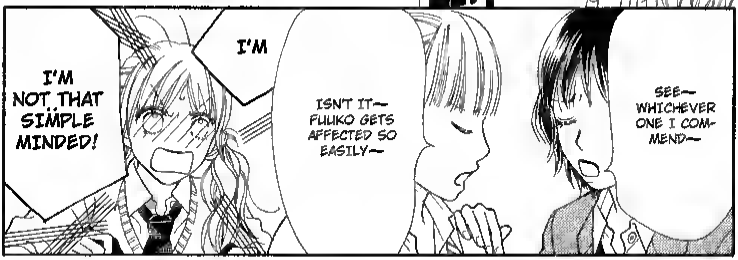
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
Step back.
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!

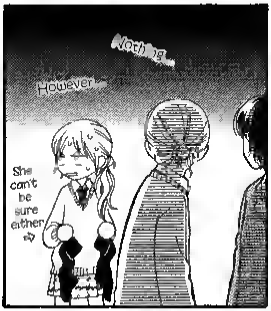
WITH
TWO SETS OF
FOOTSTEPS,

HOW MUCH MORE HAPPIER I CAN BE.



WHERE IS A MAN'S PRIDE IN YOU?!
DON'T YOU DARE ENJOY LOOKING AT THAT THING!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT THING?!
Kyah—
Hum?
YOU SHOULD PUT ON YOUR P.E. UNIFORM WHEN YOU TAKE THAT OFF!!
W-WHY? IT ISN'T P.E.
Tug
IT'S FORBIDDEN TO DISPLAY REPULSIVE SIGHTS IN PUBLIC!
That's all
I'M GONNA KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS—
DON'T STOP ME!





HOWEVER,

I KNOW THAT

I'M UGLY, THAT'S WHY
Heh?
OH, MY WHY ARE YOU WEARING YOUR P.E UNIFORM?
ONE BALLOT EACH
'CHOOSING THE ONE WITH MOST VIRTUES'.
THAT ISN'T THE CRITERIA.
I WOULD BE ADDING THEM UP ALREADY.
IF I CAN ONLY MAKE UP MY MIND WHO I LIKE BEST BY THE AMOUNT OF THEIR VIRTUES,
—Student Council ballot—
Ichi Shinpo
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S NOT WHAT REALLY COUNTS.....

This is me
I want to
Ichi
hear your opinion!
Shinpo
(1-A)
Sometimes considerate
Sometimes passionate
Sometimes calm
I'll do my best!
THAT ONE WAS DRAWN BY KAMEYAMA'S CLASS
GUIDE
This is me
Ichi
I want to
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THAT IF YOU WANT IT?
IT'S GOING TO BE THROWN AWAY FOR RECYCLING ANYWAY
YOU REMIND ME OF PERVERTS STALKING HER LIKE THIS

... IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, I'M STALKING YOU IF I TAKE THAT POSTER.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER!
THAT IS YOUR PICTURE ON THERE.
ARE YOU STUPID?
DO YOU
WANT HER?

'FUUKO KAMEYAMA'.
WHAT
DID YOU SAY...
IF I SAY I WANT HER, ARE YOU GOING TO HAND HER OVER TO ME?!!

WAD
!
FLAT
CRUMPLE
CRUMPLE

YOU'RE BEING RIDICULOUS ——!!
Why am I the one shutting the window?!
IT KEEPS SNOWING

MAKING A SNOW-MAN,
SNOW BUNNIES
ARE THERE TREES WITH RED FRUITS NEAR MY HOUSE
AND ALSO,
AN ICE HUT
SNOW-BALL FIGHTS TOO

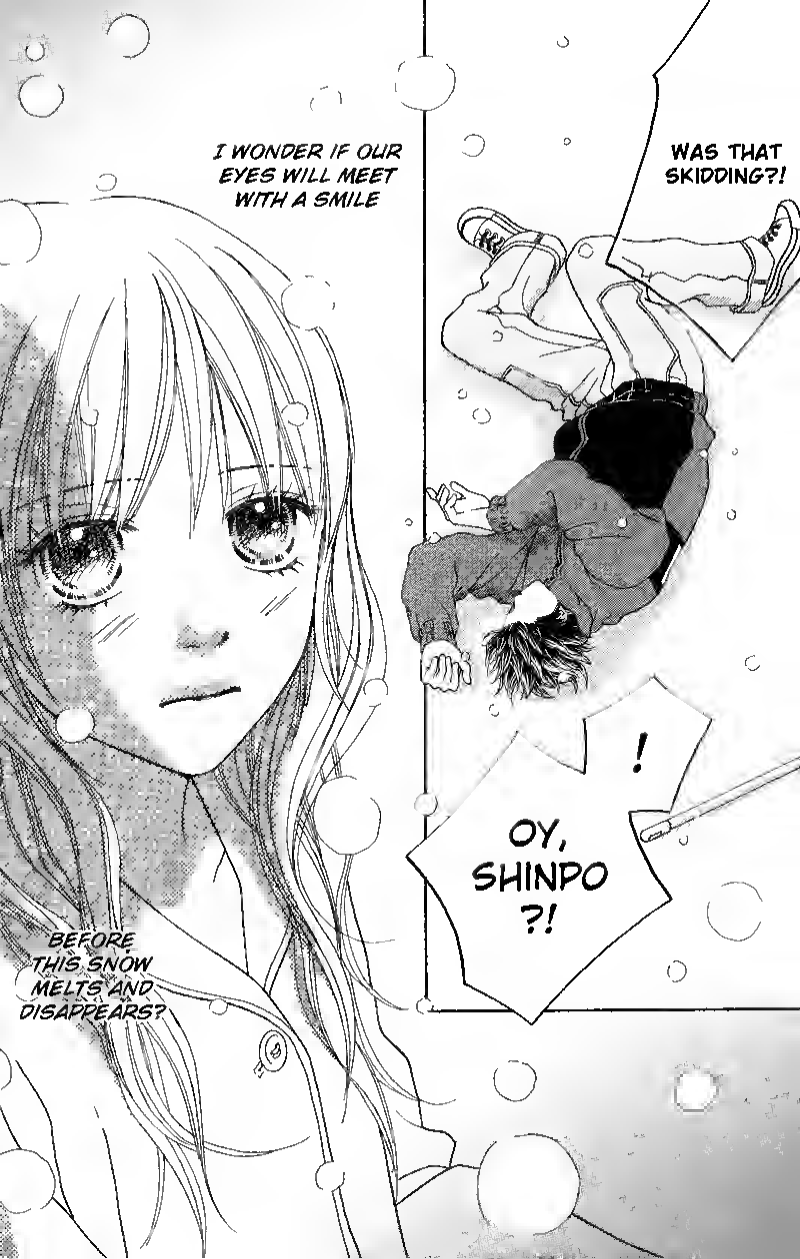
I CAN'T PLAY THOSE ON MY OWN.....

HE ALWAYS CALLS ME 'FU-CHAN' WITH A SMILE.
WHEN WE MEET,
I WILL SMILE TOO.
AND THEN,
WE START CHATTING.
I GET EMBAR-RASSED AND CON-TRADICTS HIM.
THEN,

I ALWAYS TOOK ALL OF IT FOR GRANTED...
SHINDO—
PETR LEUM
WHY NOT COME IN AND WARM UP NOW?
I'M NEARLY FINISHED HERE—
swoosh

CRASH
SCREECH

SLUSH...
WILL I NOT GET A CHANCE TO PLAY IN THIS SNOW WITH YOU?
DAIYA,


I WONDER IF OUR EYES WILL MEET WITH A SMILE
BEFORE THIS SNOW MELTS AND DISAPPEARS?
WAS THAT SKIDDING?!
!
OY, SHINPO ?!

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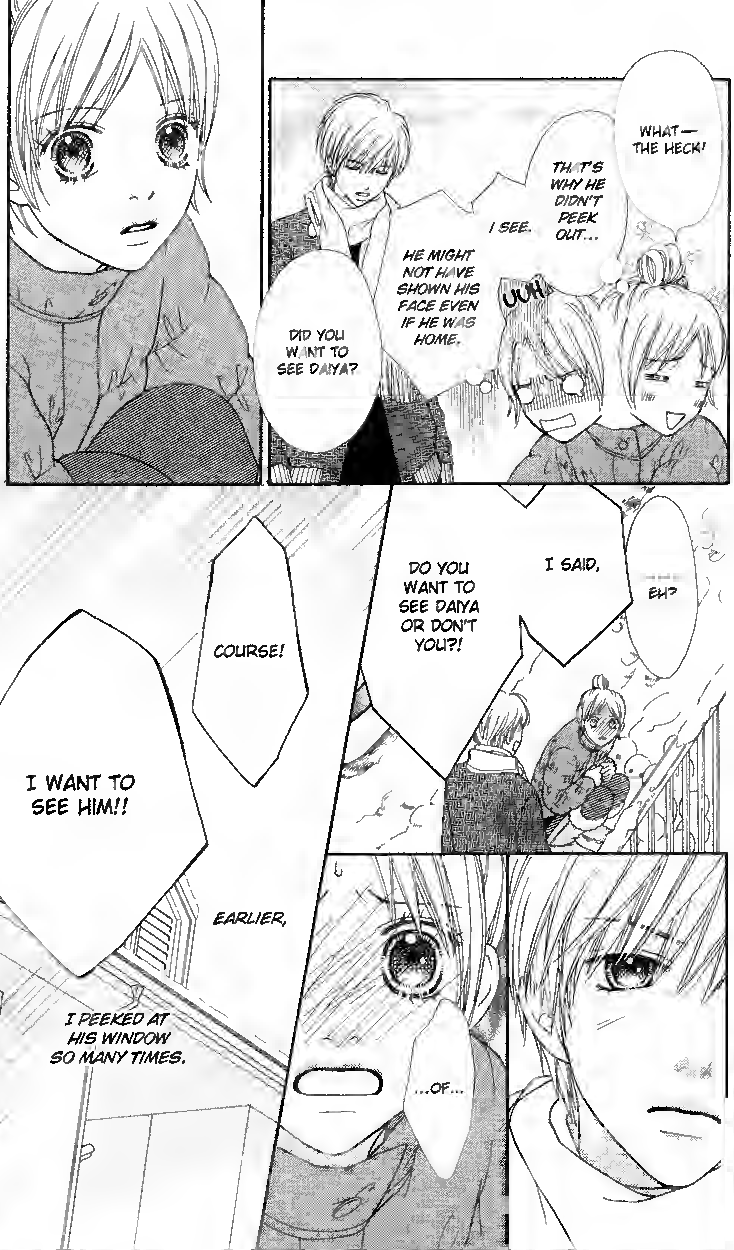
©People might wonder why I poke fun at myself this way, but I'm sure that I will enjoy laughing at myself. Eh? Being optimistic? Not really. Being pessimistic doesn't feel good anyway. Besides, it's a vicious cycle to do that. People have also asked me, "Why are there no limits to your creative pessimistic thoughts?" I think I just can't make up my mind. It doesn't take days for me to sink to the bottom line. It only takes me three minutes to come up with the worst scenario.

THE KNIT CAP FOR DAIYA...
RING RING RING RING
click
YES?
.....EH?
I've finished!

LOOK HERE, A SNOW BUNNY!
SO CUTE...
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
There were no berries from Nanten. Eyes were made from pebbles and the ears from dead leaves
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ONE〰
Looks like a rat
HE HASN'T EVEN PEEKED OUT ONCE YET...
I THINK HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR US..
Hey— What next—?
We'll gather more snow first

IT'S FUN PLAYING WITH THE SNOW TODAY—
HEY— EVERY-BODY,
GET UP
Can
Hey?
peek
GUP! IT'S FUN!
HEY— ISN'T IT? HEY—
hu — sh
hu — sh
Hey

DAIYA,
DO YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH.....?
CREEPY
It's scary to see this at night
EH?
DID YOU JUST GO OUT?
Oh!
HM?
IS DAIYA ALSO .?
EH?
ECK
--HE'S NOT HOME


DID YOU WANT TO SEE DAIYA?
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE SHOWN HIS FACE EVEN IF HE WAS HOME.
I SEE.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T PEEK OUT...
WHAT— THE HECK!
UCH
EH?
I SAID, DO YOU WANT TO SEE DAIYA OR DON'T YOU?!
COURSE!
I WANT TO SEE HIM!!
EARLIER,
I PEEKED AT HIS WINDOW SO MANY TIMES.
...OF...

LOOKING FOR A GLIMPSE OF DAIYA...
OF COURSE I WANT TO SEE HIM...
BUT.....

THAT GUY...
IS IN THE HOSPITAL

EH...?
YESTERDAY AT WORK,
A TRUCK SKIDDED AND CRASHED INTO THE PETROL STATION...
.....!
DAIYA...
HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO TELL YOU...

DASH
DAIYA...
OY!
BR
AKE
DASH
CREAK

I'M GOING TO SEE HIM!
PUSH
!
OY, YOU!

WELL,

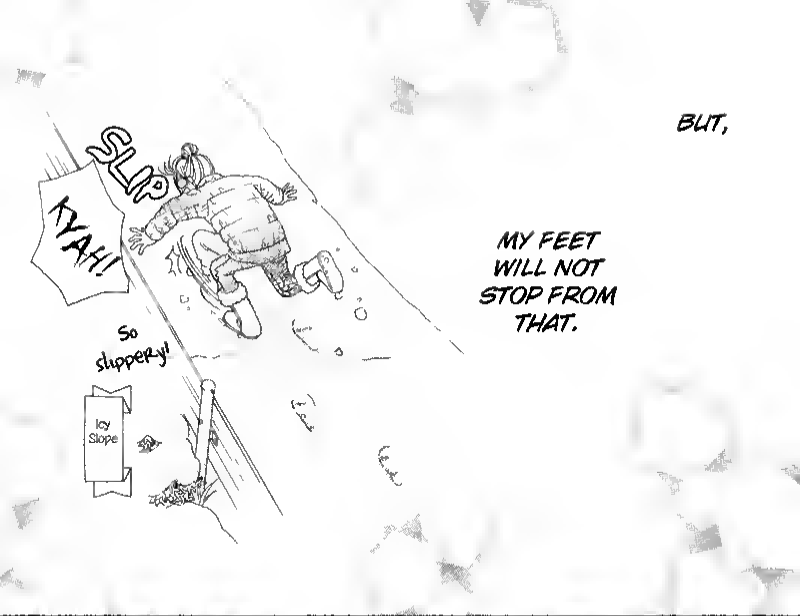
WHATEVER

She can suffer a bit

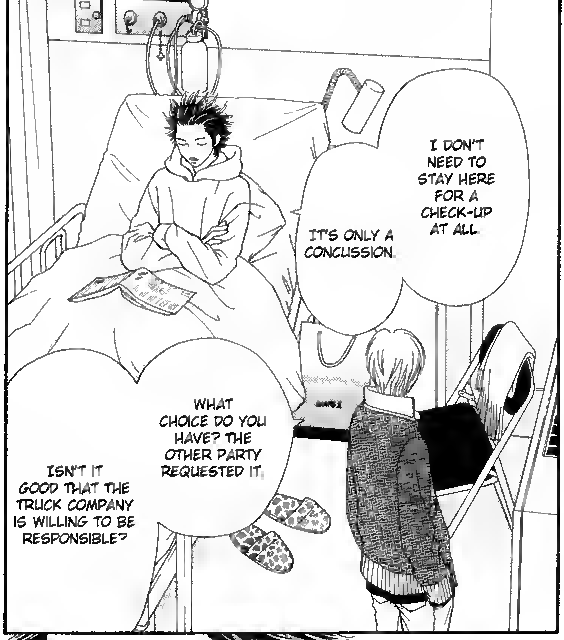
IT'S DAIYA SHINPO... DAI-YA SHIN-PO!
REALLY? CAN YOU CHECK IT AGAIN FOR ME?
SO YOU SAY..
I can't help you if he isn't here
SHOCK
Pant
HE'S NOT HERE...
Pant
Pant
WHAT NOW...
WHY'S THAT?! WHEN I HEARD HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, I THOUGHT HE MUST BE IN THIS ONE...
City's Hospital
UM... WHERE SHOULD I GO TO FIND HIM?
!!!
I DIDN'T BRING ANY MONEY!
Speaking of which, I don't remember his number either...
!
YES! I'LL PHONE ICHI...

crunch
THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER HOSPITAL HE CAN BE IN.
crunch
OR SHIYUUEI HOSPITAL,
crunch
IF HE ISN'T IN THE CITY HOSPITAL,
crunch
WHOOSH
THE YAMANOUE HOSPITAL...
Oh, no...
I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY MILES I'VE WALKED AND NOW I HAVE TO...
CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN...?
Sniff!

MY EARS...
ARE HURTING FROM THE COLD.
IT'S FREEZING...
IT'S SNOWING AGAIN
LOOK AT THIS PAIR OF BOOTS.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S MADE FOR COLD WEATHER BUT THE SNOW IS SEEPING THROUGH


SLIP!
KYAH!
So slippery!
Icy Slope
BUT,
MY FEET WILL NOT STOP FROM THAT.

Boring.


I DON'T NEED TO STAY HERE FOR A CHECK-UP AT ALL.
IT'S ONLY A CONCUSSION.
WHAT CHOICE DO YOU HAVE? THE OTHER PARTY REQUESTED IT.
ISN'T IT GOOD THAT THE TRUCK COMPANY IS WILLING TO BE RESPONSIBLE?

③ I've always used a two assistants system here. However, I tried using three assistents twice before. Needless to say, I thought it was pretty efficient. However, there will be times when an assistant has to wait. It leads me to think 'I must hurry'. That feels so good. Besides, even I'm too slow finishing the outlines, I always think that the three assistants will catch up quickly. Sorry, I depend on others too much. But when time is running out and looking at two or three people working on that last page, and the difficulty and density in it, I'd start laughing at the crowdedness and difficulty of it all. If I say that, I think I'll make my assistants angry...

HUH?!
NO WAY!!
THEN, GO HOME!
What?!
!
DAMNIT ...!!
WHICH NICE PERSON BROUGHT YOU YOUR PYJAMAS AND UNDER-WEAR...
I'M MAD!
RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE ONE I LEAST WANT TO DEPEND ON.

CASHIER
I FOUND HIM!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S DAIYA SHINPO-! DA-I-YA SHI-N- PO!
IS HE REALLY IN THIS HOSPITAL?!
REALLY?!
UM...
IS HE OKAY?!
HE'S STILL ALIVE AND WELL, ISN'T HE?!
HE'S NOT GOING TO DIE...
GEH
IT'S JUST A CHECK UP.
For precautions
That's right.
HEH...
I'll take her there
Excuse me...
IT'S JUST...
A CHECK UP...
Wow

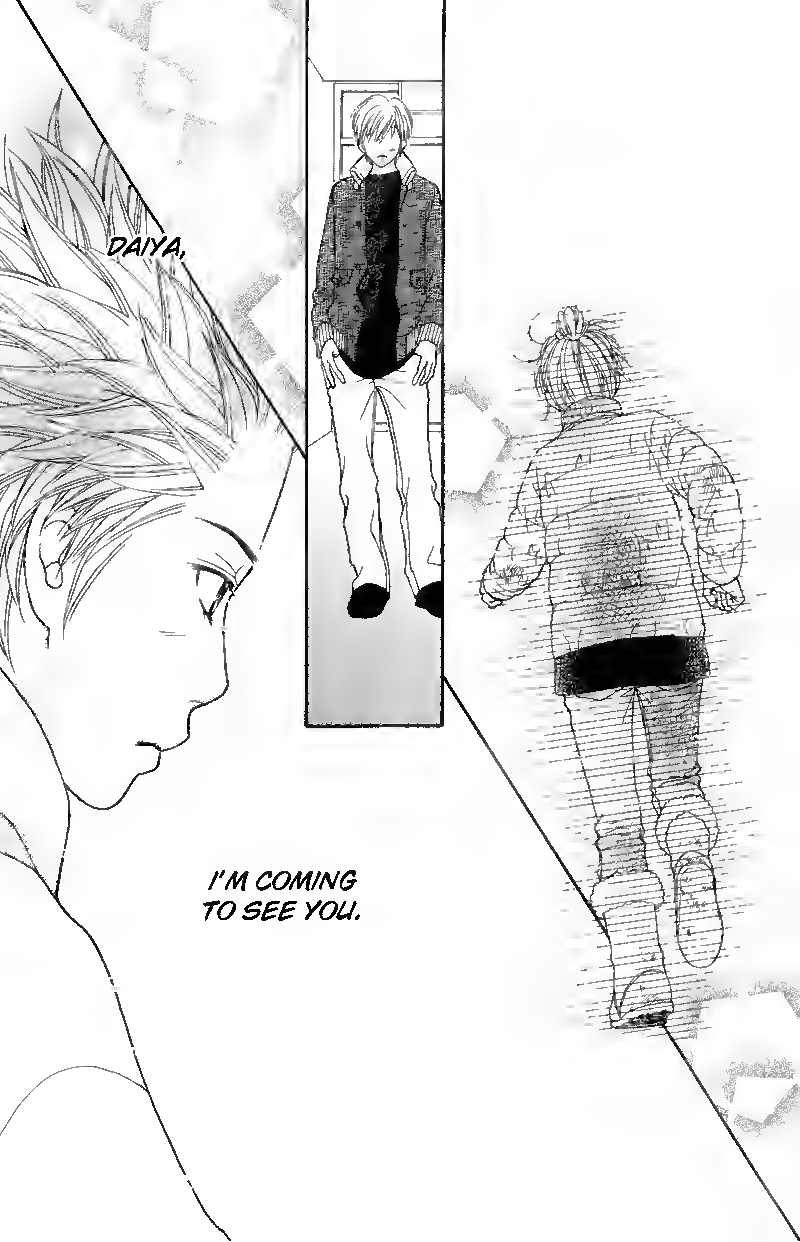
DAIYA IS ALRIGHT.
I THINK YOU RAN OFF BEFORE I HAD THE CHANCE TO SAY
And where the hospital is!!
ARGH!! ICHI, YOU IDIOT!
YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME!!
WHAT A SORRY STATE YOU'RE IN.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WALKING FOR A LONG TIME
WHEN I CLIMBED THIS MOUNTAIN, I SLIPPED MANY TIMES.
DIDN'T YOU TAKE THE FREE HOSPITAL BUS?
EHH? THERE IS TRANS-PORT?
Idiot

ARE YOU GOING? ROOM 308.
HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE COMING. DON'T YOU THINK HE'LL BE SURPRISED?
YUP.
I GOT IT 308, RIGHT?
?
HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO TELL YOU.
HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU'RE COMING.

BESIDES, THE OTHER GUY IS ICHI, ISN'T IT?
I WANTED TO IGNORE THAT GUY AND JUST FOCUS ON FU-CHAN.
EVERY TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER,
HE MUST ALWAYS FACE THE FACT THAT ICHI REMAINS IN MY HEART
DAIYA DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME.
THANK YOU, ICHI...
BUT,
SQUEAK...
WHAT IS IT? AREN'T YOU GOING TO GO?

...THAT GUY,
I THINK HE REALLY— LIKES YOU.
INSIDE MY POCKET
IS THE KNIT CAP.

I KNEW THAT ALREADY!


DAIYA,
I'M COMING TO SEE YOU.

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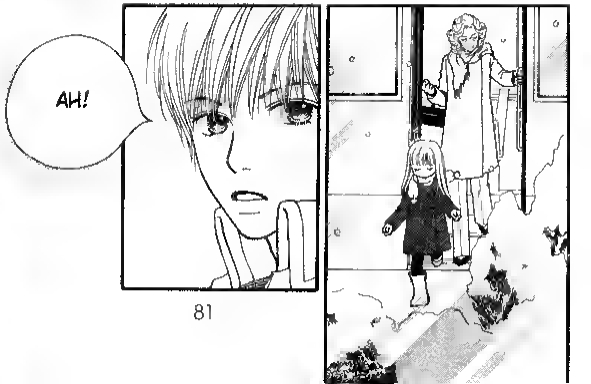
Ⓟ But, it won't last too long either. It won't be the next day, but I'll start thinking about it immediately. I think I should get someone to listen to me. Sometimes I choose to meet directly, sometimes over the phone. Wow... what a pest!! (LOL) But, that might be the key to why I don't let anxiety brew. I'll always try my best to answer the problems everyone writes to me about. I'm not going to think, "That's not a problem!!" I will deal with it kindly.



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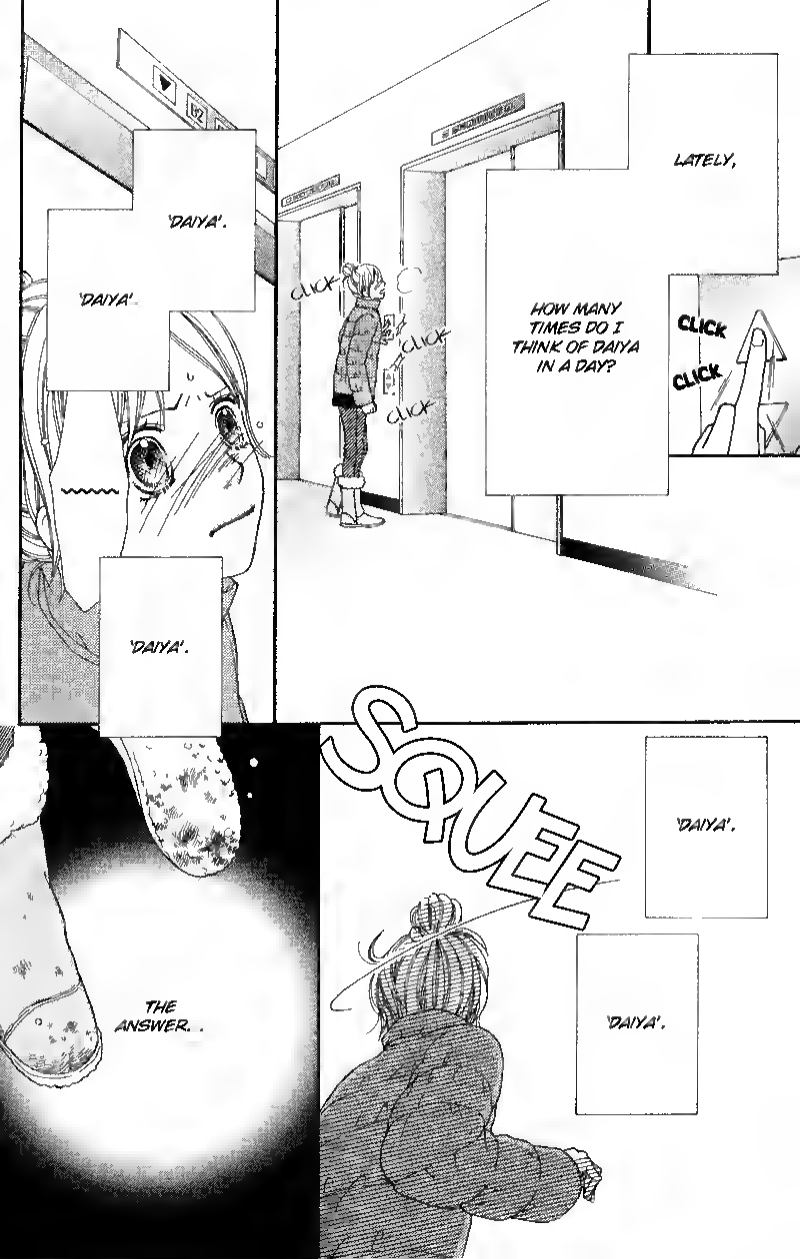
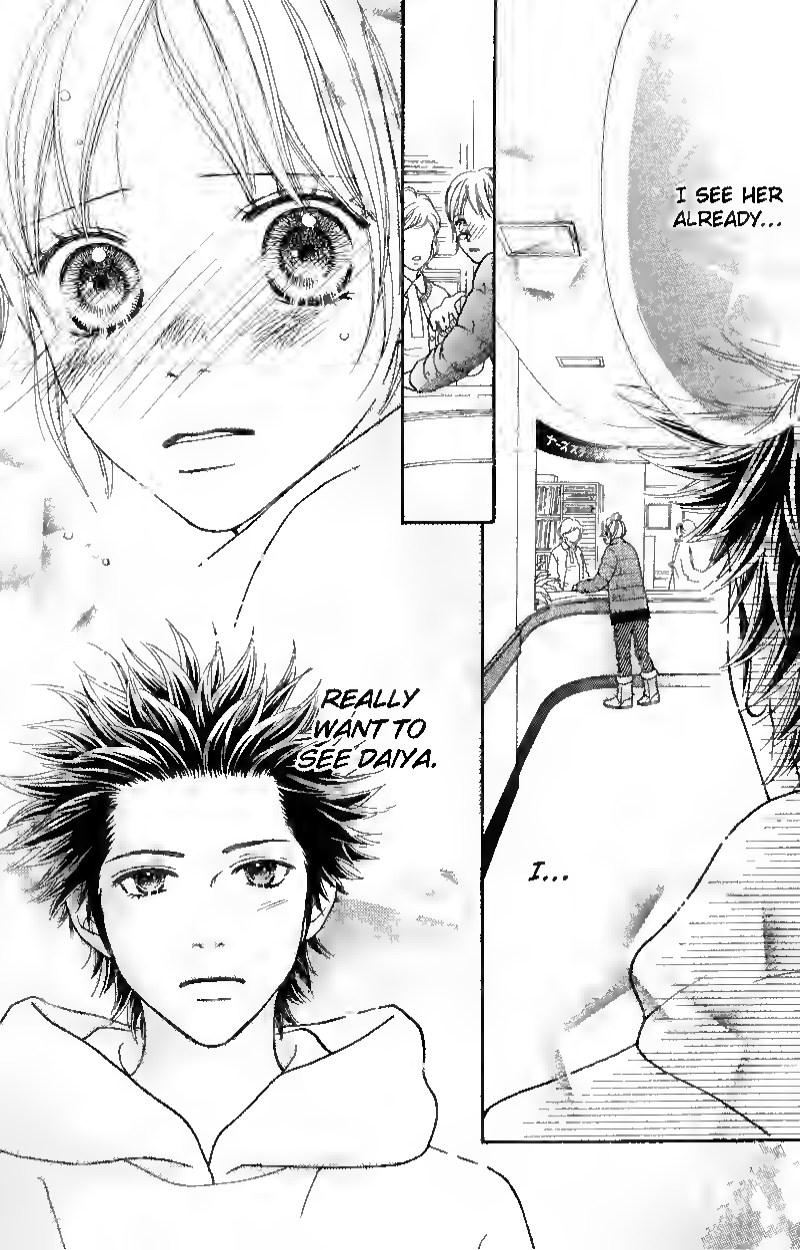

'DAIYA'.
'DAIYA'.
'DAIYA'.
click
click
click
LATELY,
HOW MANY TIMES DO I THINK OF DAIYA IN A DAY?
CLICK
CLICK
SQUEE
'DAIYA'.
'DAIYA'.
THE ANSWER..

MUST BE OVER THERE!
HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW.
DROP
I'M SORRY I DON'T WANT TO BE CONSIDERATE.
WHAT DO I CARE WHETHER DAIYA WANTS TO SEE ME OR NOT!

I WANT TO SEE HIM!
I'M GOING TO MAKE A PHONE CALL.
OH, MY, SHINPO-KUN
THE DOCTOR'S ABOUT TO COME TELL YOU THE RESULTS OF YOUR CHECK-UP!
I WANT TO SEE DAIYA.
WHAT IS IT —?
IF YOU'RE OUT OF CHANGE, SHALL I LEND YOU SOME —? ♡
NO .
I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT CALL AFTER ALL .


I SEE HER ALREADY...
I...
REALLY WANT TO SEE DAIYA.

THAT MUST BE THE ANSWER!
W—

Couldn't you have dodged the truck——?!
What the heck were you doing, you idiot——?!
That's absurd
Alternatively, stick your hands out— and block the truck—!
S.
If it's sympathy, leave!
He told me this morning
That's right
T—
Did Ichi tell you?

FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW ...
HOW I FELT ...
WHO WAS ON MY MIND?
'SYMPATHY'...?
'LEAVE'...?

④ My little sister and Miu-chan will help I had Aki Tortsuki for the previous deadline and Matsumoto Kozue for this one as helpers until not long ago, there weren't many Margaret's mangaka in Hyougoken But, there seems to be a sudden increase in the last year or two and that makes me happy. If I can find a chance, I would really love to get to know them with the excuse of asking them for help. All the new mangaka have gotten really close already and started their own little cliques ☆ Hence, I'm trying to join in inconspicuously ♥

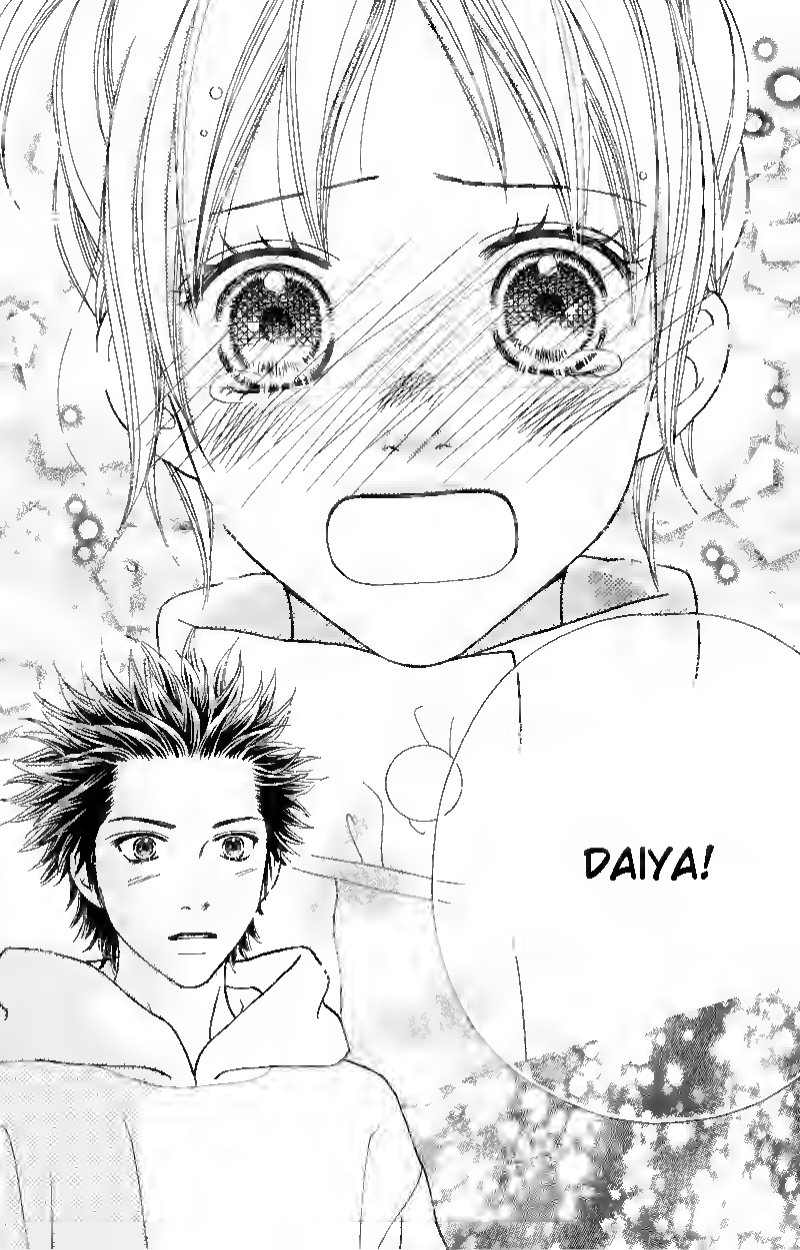
...THAT'S TRUE.
IF I KNEW THERE WAS A BUS LINK,
I WOULDN'T BE IN SUCH A SORRY STATE.
ANYWAY, ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE,
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW I EXPLAIN MYSELF, YOU'RE GOING TO THINK THAT I'M MAKING UP EXCUSES.
SINCE THAT'S THE CASE...
GRIP
HEARING ALL ABOUT IT...
NEVER BEATS..

THE REAL — DEER!
Note
Hearing all about it, never beats the real deal
DOSH
?!
WHAT'S THIS
OW~

FOR YOU, DAIYA...
THAT'S .
IT'S FOR DAIYA!!

IT'S TRUE THAT,
INITIALLY,
I BUMPED INTO ICHI'S MOUTH,
AND I MADE THAT BECAUSE I FELT GUILTY.
EVEN NOW!!
DAIYA, IF YOU ASK ME IF I LOVE YOU, I'M NOT TOO SURE YET EITHER!!
WHILE I WAS KNITTING,
BUT, THAT!!
THE PERSON I WAS THINKING OF WAS...

ME?

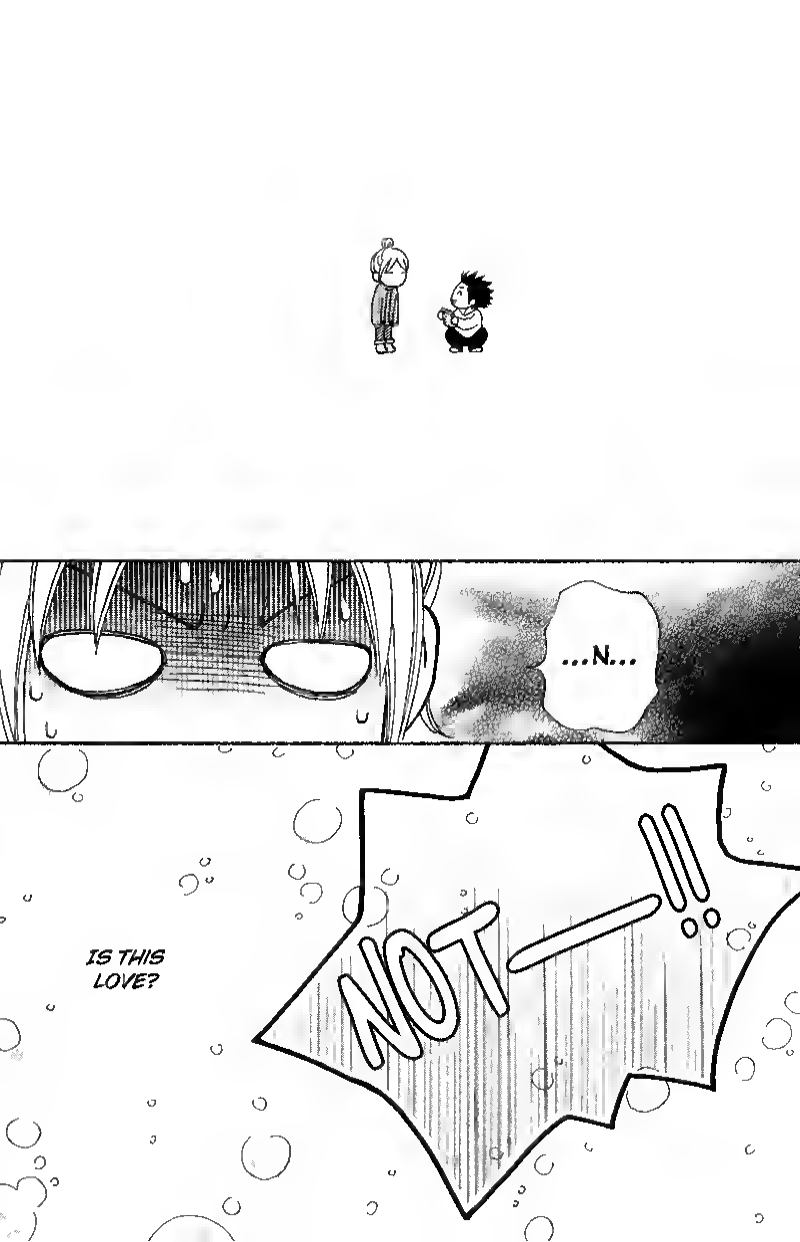

DAIYA!

WAHHH!!
FU...
I'M VERY HAPPY FOR YOU! VERY!
GOD LET ME WITNESS THIS TOUCHING SCENE.
A gift to help me on my way.
Amen. amen.
Hoshizuki-san, stop being dreadful!!
WHEN DID ALL THESE PEOPLE ARRIVE?
DID YOU NOT NOTICE AT ALL?
LOOK, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.
RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS EVERYONE!
HOW BORING
ARE THEY NOT GOING TO KISS?
SOB
YOU...
GEEZ, GRANDMA!
WHY ARE YOU SO TOUCHED?!
AHH—!!

....WAH...
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M IN A HOSPITAL...
I... FEEL HELPLESS ALL OF THE SUDDEN
I REALLY MISS THAT...
HOW LONG HAVEN'T I HEARD...
THE FACT IS.
I WOULDN'T CARE IF IT WAS SYMPATHY OR NOT I WAS HOPING YOU'D COME SEE ME...
FU-CHAN.
GOHHH
WAH— SHE SAW US—
Hi I'm his grandmother Thank you for taking care of my grandson and granddaughter in-law...
GRANNY!!
FU-CHAN.
BUT,
I'M SO GLAD!
HOW DAIYA...

HOW DAIYA CALLS ME 'FU-CHAN'.
ICHI
I'M NOT GIVING HER TO YOU AFTER ALL.

SHOW OFF!
POW
Umph!
To rough up a patient...
ARE YOU OKAY?
OWWW! CAN'T THIS BE FINISHED ANY SOONER?
WHY!
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, THE FASTEST I CAN DO.
I THINK IF I PUT THIS ON, I'LL RECOVER STRAIGHT AWAY—
Tee hee
This tummy wrap of love. ♡

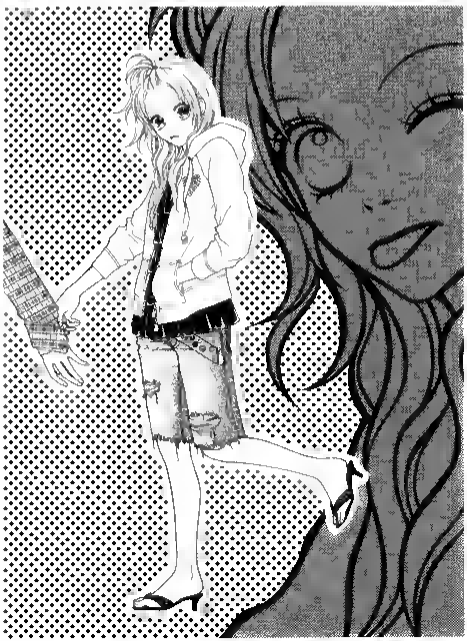

...N...
NOT!!
IS THIS LOVE?

BUT, WHATEVER THIS MAY BE,
I DON'T REALLY MIND WHAT IT'S CALLED ANYMORE.
I HOPE FOR HIM TO BE BY MY SIDE,
AND FOR ME TO BE BY HIS SIDE.

I WANT TO HEAR THE VOICE THAT CALLS ME 'YU-CHAN'.
TAXI-CHAN, THANKS!
Itsuki Taxi
CREAK
SAH
OHHH!
THERE IS STILL A LOT OF SNOW LEFT HERE.
OW...

WELCOME HOME!!

IS IT OKAY TO HOPE FOR MORE?
I'M HOME!
WHILE I'M BESIDE DAIYA...



*Osekihan: Red bean rice, a dish with good fortune, especially celebratory occasions such as weddings and childbirth

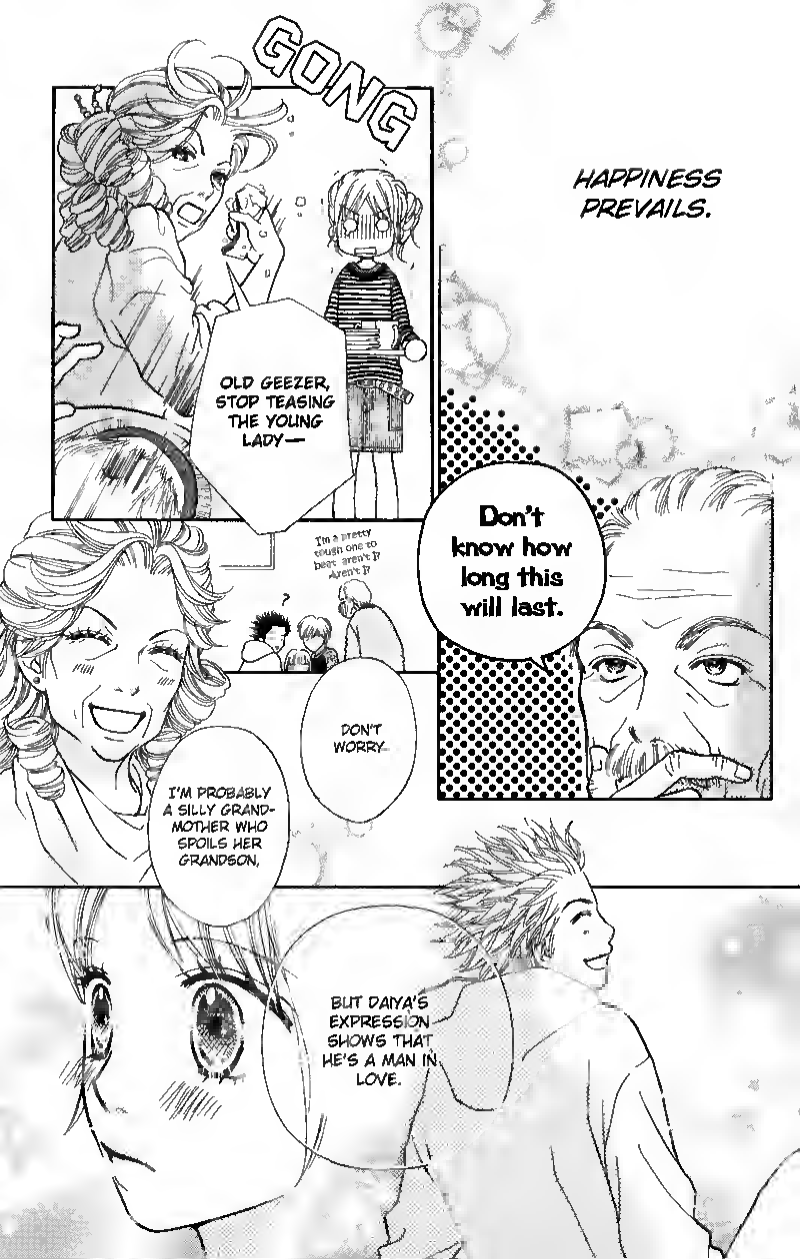
HERE!
Chopsticks!
THANKS
1, 2, 3... DOES EVERYONE HAVE ONE?!
HERE, HERE. THE SOUP'S HERE—
♡
There isn't enough bowls so mugs are used.
WELL— WHAT A HAPPY OCCASION!
Gah~
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE THE LOVE SCENE AT THE HOSPITAL TOO
AGH
I should have made it hotter.
LOVE?!
Love scene?
SNAP
WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
HANG ON—!!

(E) Mhm, I've had that problem before. Whoa~ I didn't know there could be troubles like that! I'll write back with understanding, so relax. I believe that those who can't comprehend can't be drawing shoujo manga. It's just that I treat my own troubles the same way. I once heard this, "Because you think that it's a problem, that's why it's a problem. For example, a housewife mostly worries over what are we going to eat tonight. That'd naturally be solved a few hours later!!!

(F) ↑↓

It's pissing me off.
The atmos over there is pissing me off.
IS SMILING RIGHT BESIDE ME.
Pissing me off —
What's the matter with these flowers? Shoo, shoo
NO—! Get lost!
It's nice that they're seeing along so well
Ho ho ho
KOTO-CHAN, YOU MUSTN'T USE RUDE WORDS LIKE THAT—!!
CAN'T STAND THE WAY YOU TWO ARE BEING BLESSED.
CAN'T STAND IT.
Koto-chan is so cold—
ICHI ALWAYS TAKES THAT HATEFUL TONE,

HM—? I THINK I JUST HEARD A BIRDIE CHIRP—
Itchy
RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT BOTHERED BY IT ANYMORE.
(♀)♂
I REALLY WISH THAT...

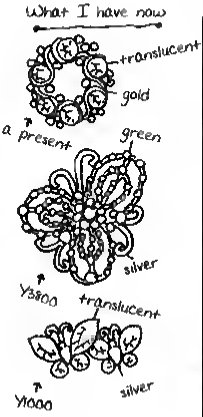

GONG
HAPPINESS PREVAILS.
OLD GEEZER, STOP TEASING THE YOUNG LADY—
I'm a pretty tough one to beat, aren't I?
Don't know how long this will last.
DON'T WORRY.
I'M PROBABLY A SILLY GRANDMOTHER WHO SPOILS HER GRANDSON,
BUT DAIYA'S EXPRESSION SHOWS THAT HE'S A MAN IN LOVE.

Ho ho ho
THERE— GO FOR IT!!
IT'S VALENTINE'S THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
WELL,
THE REST IS UP TO FUUKO-CHAN
MMM
Even you re saying that.
chuckle
HOOK
ON!
Hook your talons onto his heart~
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT...

TO MAKE DAIYA AS HAPPY AS POSSIBLE.
HOWEVER, I DO WISH
HOME-MADE...
I'M GOING TO MANAN'S PLACE TO MAKE THEM
I think her house is bigger!
WOULD IT LOOK CLASSIER IF I BOUGHT HIM SOME CHEAP BUT BIG CHUNKS OF CHOCOLATE?
AH— I'VE ALREADY GIVEN HIM THE KNIT CAP FIRST—
HAVE YOU BOUGHT THE CHOCOLATES YET—?
I BOUGHT A PRESENT—
IF I MAKE IT MYSELF, THE CHOCOLATES ALWAYS SHOW STRANGE WHITE PATTERNS—
It's warm
She said it herself
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY THEY'RE ADORABLE!!
YEAH— VERY ADORABLE
ON THE DAY BEFORE VALENTINE'S, THE GIRLS ALWAYS GATHER AROUND IN HEATED DISCUSSION THEY'RE ADORABLE
Amicable—

...TOMORROW,
...WAS I BEING JEALOUS?
I'VE FREED MY TIME.
.....OKAY.
AH!
I'LL GO SHOPPING FIRST...
DO I GO ALONE?
OH?
GASP
I WASN'T RUSHING YOU!!
AHAHA
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT THE CHOCOLATES?

§ I really like brooches lately. The sparkling type seems to be popular. I've only got three, but I really like to pin two of them on top of each other. The clothes I own are mostly black or plain. I just feel that the minute I pin my brooch on I immediately become fashionable and classy.



I'm going to Buy Chocolates today. wanna Come?
Mhm♥
WOW, THAT'S NICE!
LOOK, THIS ONE'S SO CUTE—
Sweet Valentine
BUT, ISN'T THAT TOO OBVIOUS—?
YOU'LL FREAK HIM OUT BY SUDDENLY GIVING HIM SUCH A 'SPECIAL' ONE—
AH— IS THAT HEAVY?
WHAM
AH, EXCUSE ME
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING GOOD—?
Sweet Valentine

GOSH— I REALLY HOPE FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES VANISH FROM THIS WORLD!

WOW— WHAT'S THAT?! SO MANY!!

I... I want some!!

OH.....

THAT'S RIGHT..

FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATES.....

.....

W...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

SHOULD I... GIVE HIM SOME?

BUT,
WHAT SHOULD I GIVE HIM?
THE SAME AS DAIYA?
EH— BUT, WON'T THAT BE UNFAIR TO DAIYA?
(ALTHOUGH, I DID GIVE HIM A KNIT CAP ALREADY.)
BUT, IT SEEMS WRONG TO DELIBERATELY GIVE HIM A CHEAP GIFT TOO...
CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE FINISHED SELECTING, PLEASE PAY HERE—
MILK CHOCOLATE

EXCUSE ME...
Um
ONE OF THESE, PLEASE.
MORNING—!!
?
MOR-NING!!
...
Um
MORNING!!

AHH!
?
?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
OH, GOODIE— I DID BRING MY HOME-WORK.
Pat
Pat
LATERS!!
YUP.

YO~
GOT IT YET?
IT'LL BE AFTER SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL!!
HERE!
WHAT?
'GRATITUDE CHOCOLATE'!!
WHAT'S THIS?

YEAH!!
...THANK YOU
For you!!
SEN-PAAA!!
WAIT!!

WE'VE GIVEN OURS—!
EH?
OH, OHHH!

WOW— THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE ON THE STREETS TODAY—
HEY, WAIT!!
CLUNK
HUH?
CHOCOLATES FROM THE MISTRESS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD
I'VE RE-CEIVED...
NO, IT WASN'T.
THAT'S A FRIEND-SHIP ONE

GL—OOM
ESPECIALLY COUPLES
RIGHT?
AH. YUP.
RYO
HSO
NO, IT'S FREEZING!!
Hahah
WHY, ISN'T IT GOING TO MELT IF YOU HOLD ONTO IT SO TIGHTLY?
.....
AH.
NO COMMENTS

HA
NO...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
Aagaala
IT'S OKAY— I DON'T HAVE CHOCOLATES IN MY BAG
W...
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'VE PLANNED TO HAVE CHOCOLATE SUNDAE HERE ALL ALONG?
YUP.
FLOPPY
What— the heck—

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME WORRYING
SO CUUUTE.
IS IT WEIRD SAYING THAT ABOUT A BOY...
I WAS THINKING THAT EATING CHOCOLATES TOGETHER WITH YOU...
WOULD BE BETTER.

I'M LADEN WITH SIN!
I STUCK NOTES ALL OVER MY DESK, LOCKER AND SHOEBOX.
No chocolates. Sorry I already belong to somebody else.
TODAY, I REFUSED WITH TEARS THE GIRLS WHO CAME TO GIVE ME CHOCOLATES.
REFUSED WITH TEARS?
EH—H
BUT...
I'M SO HAPPY.
I'M HOGGING THE CHARMING PRINCE ALL TO MYSELF
I APOLOGIZE
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
WHOA —!
YOU MUST'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF CHOCOLATES ANYWAY?
THAT'S BECAUSE— DAIYA,
T.
I'VE GONE AND SAID SOMETHING SO BOLD. SO EMBARRASSING...
WAH...!

CLU
NK
NO, NO, I'M THE GRATEFUL ONE.
lick
A TREAT

D...
D...
VROOM
.....
.....
.....
GRANNY DAIYA...
WHOSE HEART IS THE ONE ACTUALLY BEING HOOKED ON HERE?

DON'T YOU DARE LICK ME~!!!
THIS MIGHT BE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY— I SUPPOSE!!
Scary~ Is she a gangsteress? She just said, Don't mess with me!

* Don't lick me and don't mess with me sounds the same in Japanese.

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Ⓕ You can't say that's a worry. However, I have experiences of being a housewife too, so I understand how it feels (lol). Although I sympathize with other people's worries, but, for myself, I try really hard to deny it. I wish to carry on with that feeling. Because— worrying tires me out. Round and around in circles. I'll be really happy if someone weighed down with worries sees this and feels better.

Pook
Being licked
Click
GRR
OOM
ARGH— I REMEMBERED WHAT HAPPENED AGAIN!!
GASP
H— EY?
TH-
THANKS FOR THE CANDY!!
PHHOO
OMH
AH!
You're not supposed to eat it with the wrapper?

DAIYA IS DEFINITELY TAKING OVER MY HEART.
FUUKO— SPIT IT OUT!!
No! Not the candy!
ON VALENTINE'S DAY, SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO, DIDN'T IT?!
TH-
THAT—
THERE'S NOTHING WORTH TELLING YOU—!!! NOTHING AT ALL—!!!
SOMETHING DID HAPPEN.
She's wavering.
Hmph hmph
ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY INCREASING ... A LITTLE AT A TIME..
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, LET'S GO OUT TOGETHER!!

AH — YOU'RE EATING CANDY.
ZOOM
MEOW-RRR!!
A THREE-WAY DATE!!
THAT'S A-OKAY FOR US ALL!
Right?
Right?
HOW COME YOU GET TO DECIDE IT ALL?
IT IS OK BUT
SO, THAT'S AGREED THEN
HM?

I WANT SOME.
HONESTLY— THIS GUY!
HEH ..
HEH HEH—
slurp
YOU NOTICED —?
It's honey and apple flavor
GUH
doki
doki doki
NO, WHAT I MEANT WAS EVEN WHEN NO ONE'S WATCHING!!
EVERYONE'S WATCHING!
MMMEOW-RRR!!
IT WASN'T FOR REAL
ONLY KIDDING

HE DID LICK ME YESTERDAY—
IF YOU GET EMBARRASSED, DON'T TEASE ME THEN—
Hee hee
THIS GUY IS SO CUTE.
BUT,
I'M NOT MUCH BETTER. GETTING TEASED BY HIM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
MOO.
AHAHA.
You're getting along well
WELL—
HERE, I'VE GOT MORE CANDIES.
HERE,
HERE
One for each
HERE,

Hahaha
I said
DID YOU ALL HAVE SOME?
Candy
AH, M-HM
GAH
WHAT...
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE AN OLD LADY FROM OKINAWA.
OBAYAS HI-SAN,
PSSH
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
Old ladies from Okinawa always have candies on them
Then they share it over
Eh
Ah, but I've already finished mine
HEE HEE HEE—

⑥I really like to draw food. I'm extremely happy just looking at the screen tones going on the drawings. My little sister seems to like to stick screen tones on food too. Her eyes sparkle. How far can the delicious food be fabricated? The key is to outline the highlights clearly first. For example, when drawing egg rolls—

—like this. The one on the right looks more delicious. You'll have to ask my sister the secret in using screen tones. However, she just says, 'There isn't any complex theory in sticking on screen tones. You just do it by feel.' Well, that's how it is.

I'M SO HAPPY THAT EVERYONE'S SO HAPPY.

NEXT—

A-hem!

THE RESULTS

THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS BORN FROM OUR CLASS!!
I don't wanna wear this banner
TA—DUM
Here!
Shinpo
WAH—!
sniff sniff
The noise!
AMAZING!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
I'LL BE HAPPY STAYING IN THE STAFF ROOM FROM NOW ON.
OH MY— HE REALLY GOT ELECTED.
UM...
THANKS TO EVERYONE.

SINCE I'M GOING TO BE THE PRESIDENT,
I'LL DO MY BEST.
I'M GLAD...

THAT EVERYONE'S HAPPY!
GONG
OF TWO PINS
A SPLIT
AH
AH
NOT AGAIN...

...BUT
HONESTLY,
THE BALL SPEED OF THE GUYS SURE IS A LOT QUICKER
THANKS FOR THE CONDO-LENCES—
IT FEELS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...
NEXT UP, FULIKO—
OKAY!!
HIIIYA!
CLONK
GHRO
GHRO
GHRO
THUD
THUD
THUD

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ACCEPT THAT!
Wow! A strike!!
Wasn't that with you?
Really wanted to say that
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE GONE STEADY
I'VE TOLD YOU,
BUT, I HAVEN'T PLAYED BOWLING FOR A LONG— TIME
AH, WAS THAT A DATE?
I PLAYED WITH SOME FRIENDS ONCE A LONG TIME AGO. I HAVEN'T BEEN SINCE THEN.

M-hm,
I'm your first man...
GONG
I don't like the way you said that.
—THE HAT..
HE'S USED TO WEARING IT.
—I DIDN'T KNIT IT VERY WELL. IT'S EMBARRASSING
IT'S SUPER WARM!
Shiraishi-kun
and
Kurowa-kun
DIDN'T SHIRAISHI-KUN AND THE REST OF THEM MAKE FUN OF YOU?
EH—!! WHY WOULD THEY?

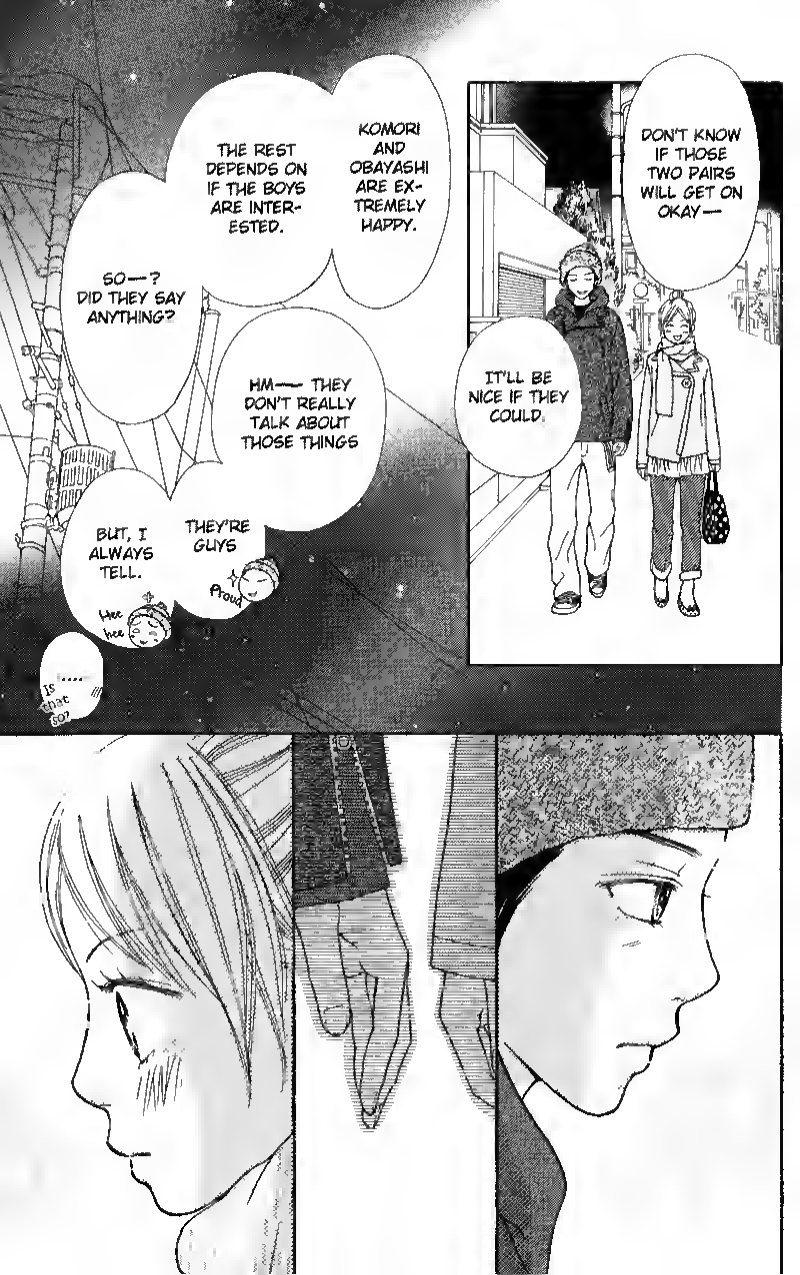
bop
ONLY KIDDING
THEY'RE NOT THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE
I should say, they're not allowed to make fun of me.
Trying not to look
YOUR FRIENDS ARE SO CONSID-ERATE...
WHAT'S IMPORTANT...
IS THAT I MYSELF LIKE IT!!
Uhh

EH— TO MAKE FUN OF YOURSELF IS SERIOUSLY SELF-DEBILITATING
DAIYA, YOU HAVE BAD TASTE.
YAY—!!
Ow—
Yay—
AHAHA SORRY
THAT HURTS—

Hey, hey
look at Obayashi
M-hm, I'm sure she's interested in him.
CUTE GIRL
AL—RIGHT! I'M GOING TO TRY MY BEST TOO!
YOU LOOK REALLY DETERMINED!
BOWL
BOKI
M-HM! I'M GOING TO TRY MY BEST IN BOWLING!!

—THEN,
WE CAN EACH ESCORT ONE OF THE GIRLS HOME.

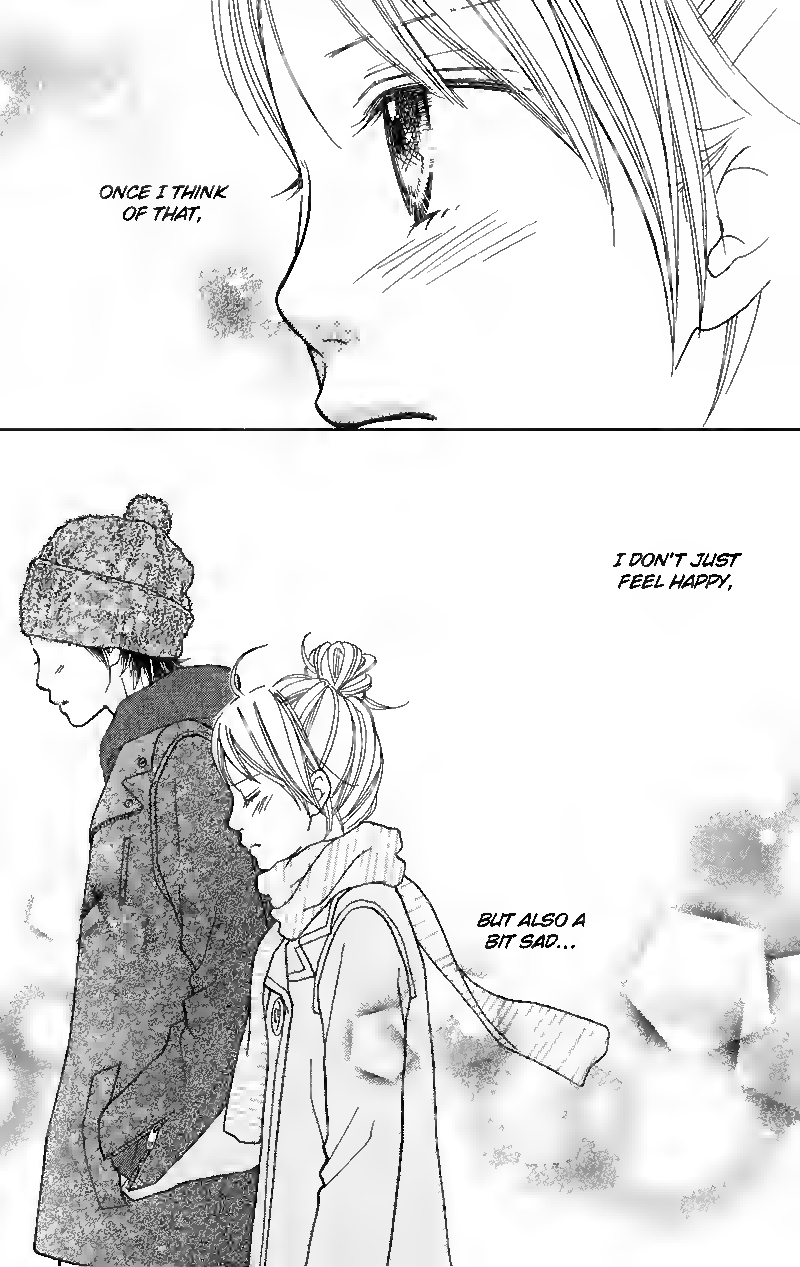
BEWARE OF THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S SKIN—!
HIC
!!!
SERIOUSLY— IT'S TOO SOON TO MAKE A MOVE.
EH?
DOES THAT MEAN IT'S ALRIGHT TO DO THAT A BIT LATER?
CHEEKY
RIGHT?!
OBAYASHI-SAN,
YOU KNOW —...
I REALLY ENJOYED IT TODAY.


DON'T KNOW IF THOSE TWO PAIRS WILL GET ON OKAY—
IT'LL BE NICE IF THEY COULD.
KOMORI AND OBAYASHI ARE EXTREMELY HAPPY.
THE REST DEPENDS ON IF THE BOYS ARE INTERESTED.
SO—? DID THEY SAY ANYTHING?
HM— THEY DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT THOSE THINGS
THEY'RE GUYS
Proud
BUT, I ALWAYS TELL.
Hee hee
Is that so?

SHOVE
Kyun !!
..... EEARGHH! THE INTERLOCKING FINGERS BETWEEN LOVERS!!
AS WELL AS PUTTING MY HAND IN HIS POCKET!!!

.....THINKING BACK,
IT'S INCREDIBLE.
IN SPRING,
I FELL IN LOVE WITH DAIYA
AT THAT TIME, HE WAS STILL FAR FROM ME.
AND NOW...
WE'VE ENDED UP LIKE THIS.

OBAYASHI-SAN, SORRY.
I
LIKE SOMEONE FROM WORK.
I'm a super sprinter—
Eh—
THE FEELING OF BEING HAPPY
JUST FEELS WONDERFUL FOR ME.


ONCE I THINK OF THAT,
I DON'T JUST FEEL HAPPY,
BUT ALSO A BIT SAD...

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I MUST CONSTANTLY REMEMBER,
WHAT I'VE ACHIEVED NOW IS THROUGH HARDSHIPS.
THE 'NOW' THAT IS IN FRONT OF MY EYES DID NOT HAPPEN READILY.

G I'm very sorry to continuously write about such hefty subjects

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about what is trying my best? Try your best!!, I'll try my best!! etc. has become a daily greeting. How far does one go to pass as I've tried my best? When others say to me, "You've got to try harder', I'll think, "I'm already trying." When others say, "You're doing your best", I'll think, "Really??" That shouldn't be my limit yet. I really could go another mile. But gradually, I can't say that. I'll try my best cheerfully anymore. Will the moment of trying my best come? (Sorry, real hefty.)

Good morning!
Morning!
I'M SORRY.
Patter
WOW...! WITNESSING A CONFESSION SCENE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING!

...
YOU'RE STILL EVER SO POPULAR WITH GIRLS.
I didn't see anything.
Didn't see it. I didn't see it.
MARCH
MARCH
MARCH
That's suspiciously deliberate.
REALLY?
HOW MANY CHOCO-LATES DID YOU GET?
I'VE BROKEN MY RECORD IN THIS YEAR'S VALENTINE'S DAY.
GUH!
Egocentric bragger!
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT I'M EVEN MORE POPULAR
IT'S NOT 'STILL'
SINCE I ENTERED THE ELEC-TIONS, I'VE BECOME EVEN MORE POPULAR TO THE GIRLS
I'm sure he's lying
A thousand is OTT
GIRLS ARE SUCH OPPORT-UNISTS
All wanting to be the First Lady
A THOUSAND.

YOU CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT THAT!
IT'S POSSIBLE, THAT THEY JUST SIMPLY FELL FOR YOU!
JUST LIKE HOW I DID BEFORE
OH, IT'S THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR PERFORMANCE WORK HARD!
Bow
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SALUT
THERE'S NO POINT STARING AT ME
YOU'RE NOT COMPETENT FOR THE FIRST LADY'S POSITION.
HUH?
WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT AFFECTION IS NOT TO BE DISREGARDED.

1-A
WHY I THINK THIS WAY
IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF DAIYA.
HM— YOU TWO ARE ALSO SWEET TODAY.
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY, I CAN TELL HIS SMILE IS SUPER GLORIOUS
I GUESS!
WHATEVER YOU DID TOO—
YOU WENT HOME TOGETHER LOOKING VERY COMPATIBLE
We all saw it.
EH HEH HEH—
IT WAS O-KAY

KOMORI..
I'M PROBABLY,
FALLING FOR HIM.
Touched
Hyaa hee.
KYA——HH
Yay— I see, I see—
When the time comes, we'll share our love epic together!
YUP—!
SO HAPPY—♡♡
CLUNK

OBAYASHI!
GOOD MORNING.
EH—?
HOW WAS IT WITH YOU TWO YESTERDAY?
STOP THAT
YOU WERE BLATANTLY SHOOTING ELECTICALLY CHARGES LOOKS AT HIM.
...
...IS THAT WHY?
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THAT,
I WAS REJECTED BEFORE I EVEN CONFESSED.
..EH?
HE PROBABLY FELT MY CHARGES.

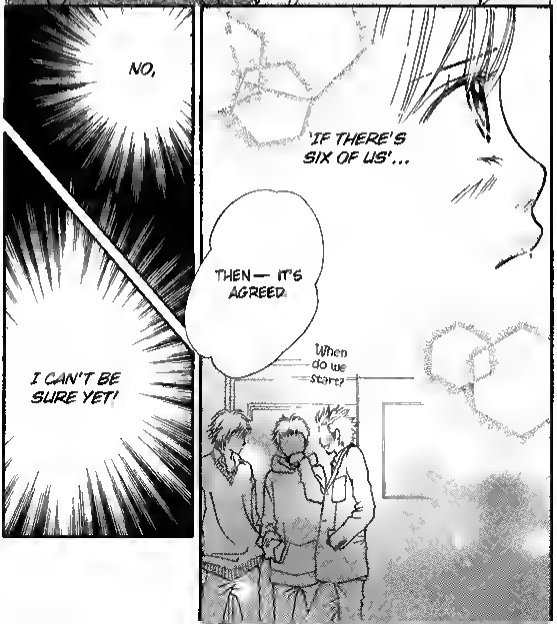
WHY— OBAYASHI WAS REJECTED..?
THE MOOD YESTERDAY WAS SO OBVIOUSLY GOOD
HE SAID THAT HE HAS SOMEONE HE LIKES
ALTHOUGH...
OBAYASHI WAS SMILING AS SHE SAID THAT...
THE TIMETABLE FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR FINALS IS OUT!
OH MY,
DON'T LOOK SO GLUM. I'M FINE.
BESIDES, I HAVEN'T FELL THAT DEEPLY FOR HIM YET.

...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT SHE DOESN'T MIND.
Um My Planner
HE SAID THAT HE HAS SOMEONE HE LIKES.
OBAYASHI,
LET'S GO COPY IT!
The timetable
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT TO THE SECOND YEAR, REMEMBER TO STUDY HARD
I'm too lazy to study
Sigh
...M-HM.
...EH?
SOME-ONE HE LIKES?
NOT GIRLFRIEND?

SO, THAT'S IT!! OBAYASHI STILL HAS HOPE!!
CRAM GROUP?
JUST THE SIX OF US WHO WENT OUT TOGETHER.
Group study for finals.
M-HM.
SO, DAIYA DOESN'T KNOW THAT...
SHIRAISHI HAS ALREADY REFUSED OBAYASHI!!
Hey!
WAIT, LET ME ASK.
It's not for fun
HEH! RIGHT!! SEEMS LIKE FUN.
THEY'D BE INTERESTED TOO.
... HM?

⑦

Although, some people listen to music while they're thinking up the plot, I can't do it with any sounds I've used rhythm and beat for inspiration many times, but the minute there is noise I slow down and become brain dead Besides music and tv, even people talking, morn and eve dog barks, chopping sounds from the kitchen, the tick tock of our cheap clock etc The call of summer cicadas can't be waved away, the election campaign vans are even worse... No way! That's what thinking up plots is about However, I finally managed Therefore, please give your sunshine voice to one like me that have a reason to be nocturnal



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I shall see you in Vol 17!!

WHEN HE GETS TO KNOW OBAYASHI BETTER, HE'LL PROBABLY FEEL DIFFERENT...
EH?
SIX PEOPLE?
AH...
M-HM.
WHY?!
FUJIKO, DID YOU BRING THAT UP YOURSELF?
I'M NOT GOING—
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO REFUSE.
BUT, I'VE ALREADY AGREED TO IT.

I'VE ALREADY SAID THAT HE REJECTED ME. WHY WOULD YOU STILL DO THAT?
SOR...
OBAYASHI!
STOP THIS, WILL YOU?
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!
hmm
.....
I REALLY ENVY YOU, FUUKO!

—...
SORRY, I'M JUST BEING JEALOUS.
Whoa!
Wow!
EH—
THAT WAS LOUD—
WHOA—
DID THEY HAVE A ROW?

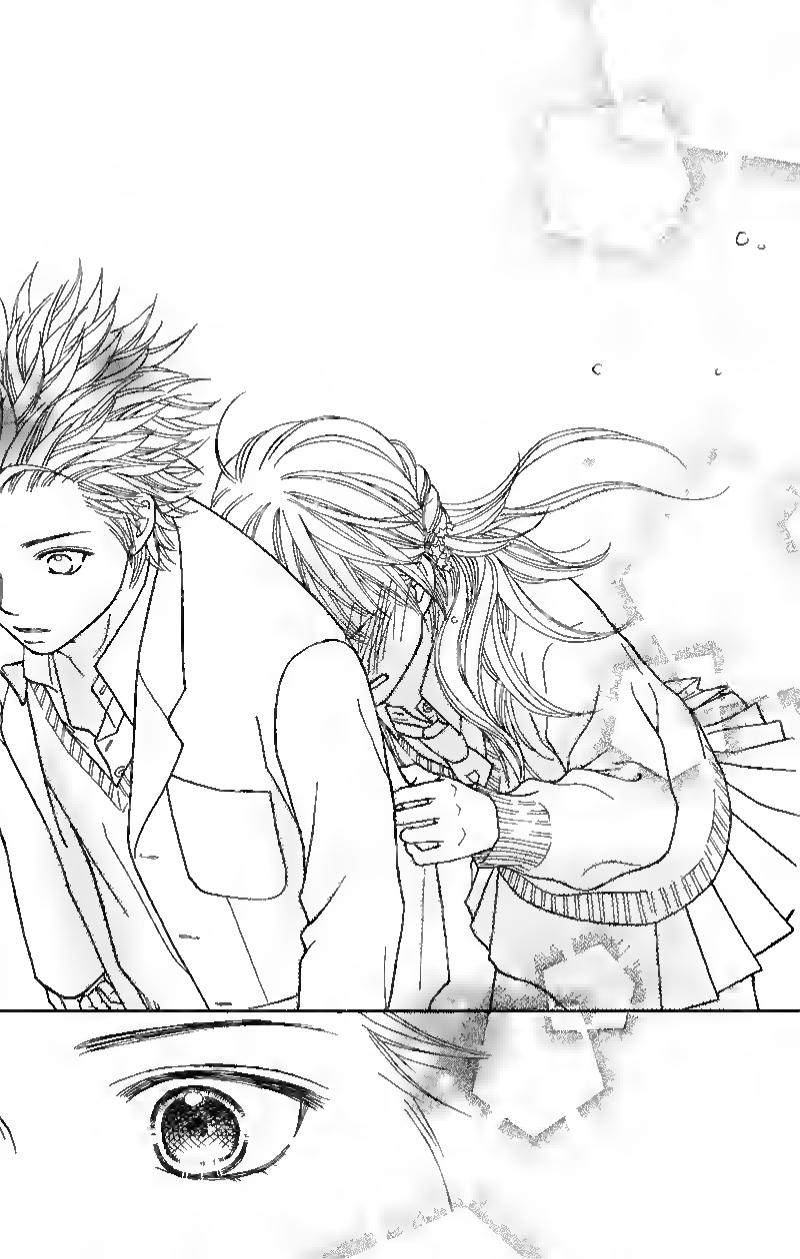
FUUKO!
PATTER
CLUNK
I'M SORRY
I'LL GO CANCEL IT
WHEN OBAYASHI IS MOO—DY, IT'S BEST TO IGNORE HER.
I'VE KNOW HER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, SO I KNOW HER PRETTY WELL.
...UM,
FUUKO,
DIDN'T THINK OBAYASHI WAS GOING TO GET SO ANGRY.
I'LL GO EXPLAIN TO THEM AND CANCEL THE STUDY
.....M-HM.

I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WOULD MAKE HER SO ANGRY.
EH?!
CANCEL?
M-HM
I'M SORRY
SEE YA

!
FU-CHAN!
I REALLY ENVY YOU, FUUKO!
DON'T...

WHAT AM I...
SORRY ...
FU-CHAN,
SOMETIMES YOU COVER YOUR FACE,
WHEN YOU'RE UPSET.

I WON'T LOOK AT YOU, SO SPILL IT!!



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